Washington, D.C.— Today, Congressman Steve Israel (D-Huntington) released the following statement:

"Today I am speaking with Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, to let him know that I unequivocally support Israel's right to defend itself in the face of unjustified attacks from Hamas and other terrorist organizations targeting innocent Israeli civilians. Israeli citizens have faced a constant barrage of rockets this month, more than 200 rockets have rained down from Gaza in the last 24 hours and nearly 1,000 rockets have hit Israel this year. My thoughts are with Israel today and every day."