Washington, D.C. – Today, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) released the following statement:

“The Palestinian bid for non-member state observer status at the United Nations General Assembly is simply unacceptable. The path to peace is at a negotiating table with Israel, not in a building in the East 40s in New York City. I will oppose giving U.S. taxpayer funding to any specialized U.N. agency that admits a full Palestinian state through its U.N. bid. I also oppose any Palestinian effort to use its enhanced status to gain membership in other international bodies, specifically the International Criminal Court, as a means to de-legitimize Israel.”