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Sen. Campbell Seeks Enforcement of HB 89 Against Airbnb for Anti-Israel Policy

AUSTIN-- State Senator Donna Campbell, Chairwoman of Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security, released the following statement in response to Airbnb's new policy discriminating against Israeli residents in the West Bank:

"A few weeks ago Airbnb issued a press release announcing they would no longer allow listings in Israeli settlements in the West Bank to be booked via the Airbnb platform. As the press release makes clear, the company did this not for business reasons, but rather to make a political statement by boycotting a specific group of Israeli entrepreneurs. This hostile treatment of one of our nation's strongest allies is why I supported and helped pass House Bill 89 in the Legislature last session. Neither I nor the State of Texas will tolerate this anti-Semitic policy.

As Governor Abbott clearly stated when he signed HB 89 into law in May 2017, 'Anti-Israel policies are anti-Texas policies.' Should Airbnb decide to continue in this manner, I will work closely with Comptroller Hegar and Attorney General Paxton to ensure the provisions of HB 89 are fully enforced."

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Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25, which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, and Travis Counties.