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Partners for Progressive Israel is appalled by the Netanyahu government's decision to deny entrance to Israel to two U.S. Congresswomen. We support the right of these Congresswomen to criticize the Israeli government; the decision to deny them visas is a grave moral and political mistake. Netanyahu's denial of visas to the Congresswomen defies basic principles of freedom of speech and flies in face of democratic principles in Israel and in the US. Democracy thrives only when there is the right to disagree peacefully with those who hold power. In barring Congresswomen Omar and Tlaib, Netanyahu is endangering the bipartisanship critical to US-Israeli relations. We urge the Israeli government to rescind its ban.