

# U.S. Rep. Pocan: Responds to Israel's new judicial law

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, U.S. Representatives Mark Pocan (WI-02), released the following statement after the Israeli Knesset passed a law that desecrates judicial independence:

“I’m deeply disappointed in the Israeli government’s vote to take powers away from its independent judiciary and ignore the will of its people who overwhelmingly reject this power grab. It’s important that Israel remains a secular democracy rather than a religious theocracy. We must do everything we can to guarantee this shift does not threaten the rights and freedoms of Israelis and Palestinians alike. I join President Biden in urging the Netanyahu government to heed the voices of its citizens, its security establishment, and its judiciary. Israel’s independent judiciary must be defended.”