In 1995, Congress voted in bipartisan fashion to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. A caveat was included in that law which allowed a sitting President to issue a “national security waiver,” delaying the move for six months. But this waiver was invoked for decades by presidents from both parties without just cause, thus undermining the will of the American people.

President Trump’s decision not to exercise that waiver and to recognize the reality that Jerusalem is Israel’s capital is just and righteous. America’s national security was not harmed, quite the contrary, it was enhanced as the President’s decision made clear to the world that America stands with our allies. Moreover, the dire predictions of a great war did not come to pass.

What did come to pass is that for the first time in the Jewish state’s history a shameful double standard is no longer being applied to Israel by its closest ally and the leader of the free world: the United States. Every country has the right to determine its capital - the same should be no different for the Jewish state.

Jerusalem has been the epicenter of Jewish life for over 3,500 years. It has been the capital of the modern Jewish state since 1948. Americans know this and made their views on this issue clear, through their elected officials more than 20 years ago. And now, at long last, our government has formally recognized this reality.