

Dear Chair Healey, Members of the Court and Executive Nominations Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a written testimony in support of House Joint Resolution HJ0002.

Israel is now losing much global support due to its indiscriminate bombing of Gaza. According to US intelligence reports from mid-December, nearly half of the 29,000 bombs Israel had dropped until that point were imprecise dumb bombs- that is 14,500 unguided air to ground munitions. The number is far greater now as it is 2.5 months after the penning of that report. Indisputedly, unguided munitions pose a great threat to civilians as evidenced by the soaring death toll of over 30,000 people, over 14,000 of which are children and infants.

In addition, Israeli military tanks,snipers and killer drones routinely and indiscriminately kill civilians, with the most recent massacre taking place on 2/29 in which Israeli tanks opened fire on force- starved Palestinians waiting for bags of flour in Gaza. Over 100 civilians were killed and over 700 injured. This is just one of dozens of war crimes Israel is committing. I don't want my taxpayer dollars to fund a state that is, according the highest court in the world (ICJ), plausibly committing a genocide. Please also keep in mind that you have hundreds of deeply affected constituents with loved ones in Gaza that have been among the tens of thousands that have been killed or have been living in fear for their lives for the past 149 days.

I don't know what other barbarities need to happen in order to warrant your call for a ceasefire and return of hostages from both sides. Our state needs to stand up for humanity and call for the cessation of the loss of more human lives. I urge you to vote with your conscience and not be swayed by the pressures of self- interest groups to turn away while people are being bombed, starved and diseased to death. You must defend justice. You must defend life. You must use your voice.

Thank you for your considera
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