

Honorable members of the House Rules Committee,

My name is Rianna Eckel, I'm a resident of the 43rd District. I am writing to urge you to pass HJ0002 to support a ceasefire in Gaza now. I am horrified to see the photos of the immense suffering coming out of Gaza every day, and I hope that you are too.

Our tax dollars are funding this. When I walk down the street and see neighbors of mine in need of housing and food, I am disgusted to think that our tax dollars are killing innocent people when they could be helping people in our own community. We should be ashamed. Silence in this moment is complicity. It is urgent for Maryland to stand up and say NO to horrific war, and urge the federal government to stop sending money and weapons to support Israel.

Please use your conscience to speak out. It is your moral obligation to pass this resolution out of committee and ensure it passess through the House and Senate.

Do everything in your power to ensure Maryland says CEASEFIRE NOW and support HJ0002!

Thank you,

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