

Testimony in Favor of House Joint Resolution 2:  
Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine

I am writing in favor of HJ2: Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine. Like many people around the world, including many Marylanders, I have been horrified by the devastation in Gaza since October 7, with at least 30,000 Palestinians in Gaza killed by the Israeli military. As of January 31, at least 48 cities in the United States had passed resolutions calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. Other countries have also taken action regarding the slaughter in Gaza. Ireland's senate unanimously voted last week to impose sanctions against Israel, prevent the passage of U.S. weapons to Israel via Irish airspace and advocate for an international arms embargo against Israel. Maryland should join these other jurisdictions and lead the way among U.S. states in passing this resolution supporting a long-term ceasefire in Israel and Palestine.