

Chair Del. Anne Healey  
Maryland House of Delegates  
Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

Re: Testimony **IN FAVOR OF House Joint Resolution 2 (HJ0002)**, Supporting a Long-Term  
Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine

I am writing in strong support of HJ0002.

As a Jewish Marylander I have been horrified by the carnage and destruction visited upon Gaza and its population over the past 4 months by Israel's military operations. Over 30,000 people have been killed, the majority women and children, including over 13,000 children. The civilian infrastructure has been decimated, including the majority of housing. The medical system has collapsed under repeated attack, including the systematic disabling of all the major hospitals. Close to the entire population of over two million people has been displaced. The entire population is facing catastrophic hunger; over half a million people are starving. Israel is preventing resources, including humanitarian aid, from entering the territory, except in minute, grossly insufficient quantities.

Our government is enabling these atrocities with its financial, military, and diplomatic support. The least our representatives for the state of Maryland could do is signal to the federal government the urgent need to bring this to an immediate end. That is what this resolution does.

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