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**MD House: Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
In Favor of HJ0002
Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine**

Hello,

My name is Nathan Moreira, a proud resident of Maryland and Baltimore City. After the attacks of October 7th, the western world was told through the media and our trusted politicians that terrorists have waged war on Israel. We were told that Israel, with the help of its allies including the United States, must retaliate to defeat these combatants. We were told this was a noble cause, in the pursuit of protecting freedom and democracy in Israel, they must fight back and defeat these devious combatants. We were told Israel must fight for the greater good, for justice and The United States, its taxes and its people must support this.

After 5 months of this conflict waging on, it is very apparent this narrative told to us is an ugly lie. 1.9 million Palestinian civilians, over 3 times that of Baltimore city, have been forcefully displaced. 30,000+ Palestinians have been killed, 2/3rds of that have been women and children. 69,000 cases of lice, 66,000 cases of chickenpox, 7,500 cases of Hepatitis A caused by contaminated drinking water and food sources. Israel is bombing hospitals, stopping humanitarian resource blockades at every border, assaulting civilians. The outcome of this retaliation, the Palestinian civilians have taken the entire brunt of for 5 horrific months. This is not a war between terrorist forces and Israel, this is a genocide against the Palestinian people orchestrated by Israeli forces and American money.

We have flooded the streets for months all over this country screaming for it, we lost a service member last week in a courageous act of protest. When will this end?

CALL FOR A CEASEFIRE NOW!

Sincerely,

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