

The Honorable Chair
Delegate Anne Healey
Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
Maryland House of Delegates Room 230
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: FAVORABLE - SUPPORT of House Joint Resolution 0009
Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza,
and Sudan**

To the Chair Delegate Anne Healey, Vice Chair Delegate Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., and esteemed members of the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee,

My name is Jessee Leese, I am a resident of Frederick county. I am writing to name my support to HJ0009 the "Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan" resolution. This resolution is an important step towards aligning our country with international law and our own domestic law, decrying the violence that we are directly or indirectly supporting through our foreign policy. We must make a clear statement to our Federal elected officials that we, the State of Maryland, *do not* support the country's actions to allow the perpetration of humanitarian atrocities abroad.

As a Union worker, I believe it is foundational we create solidarity for other working class people around the globe who have the same needs as the rest of us. There is no difference between the civilian lives at stake in Sudan, the Congo, or Palestine and the ones that exist in Maryland. Please be an advocate for peace by supporting this resolution and I implore you to continue to support legislation like this one for a more fair and just future.

For these reasons and many more, **I ask the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee to give HJ 0009 a favorable report.**

Thank you for your time,
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