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Chair William Smith, Jr.  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Testimony In Support of HJ0009 Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan**

Dear Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in strong support of House Joint Resolution 0009, which condemns violence and violations of international law occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan.

As a current undergraduate student, I find it imperative that we speak clearly and firmly against violence, human rights abuses, and violations of international law wherever they occur, palestine, sudan gaza and DC of Congo. Around the world, people are experiencing unimaginable suffering at the hands of an oppressive regime, that our silence translates into support.

Families are being displaced if not murdered, communities are being destroyed, and countless innocent people are being wiped off the planet which not only threatens their safety, dignity, and basic human rights. As students, we learn about justice, international law, and the responsibility of governments and institutions to uphold human rights. Those values should not remain only in our classrooms and textbooks. They should guide our actions and our voices.

Resolutions like HJ0009 send an important message that we do not remain silent in the face of violence and humanitarian crises, no matter where they occur. They affirm that protecting human life, respecting international law, and advocating for justice for all are principles that matter. As a student and member of this community, I believe it is important that our state stands on the side of human rights, dignity, and justice. Voting favorably against violence and violations of law is the first step in showing that these values matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I respectfully urge a favorable report on HJ0009.

Sincerely,