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**Testimony AGAINST HJ0009  
Condemning Violence and Violations of Law -  
Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan  
House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
March 9, 2026**

**UNFAVORABLE**

TO: Delegate Anne Healey, Chair, Delegate Marvin E. Holmes Jr. Vice Chair and  
Members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee  
FROM: Nancy Braverman & Barbara Deitch, Co-Presidents Hadassah Greater Baltimore

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. is a global humanitarian organization with two world class medical hospitals in Jerusalem that are beacons of peace and coexistence. Our medical professionals from all backgrounds work together to achieve healing and treat all patients regardless of race, religion, nationality or ethnic background.

As the Greater Baltimore Region of Hadassah, representing over 4,200 Marylanders, we are writing to urge you to vote AGAINST HJ0009 *Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan*.

Israel's war of self-defense is with Hamas, not the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Hamas is an organization that has openly pledged the destruction of the State of Israel and the Jewish people, and viciously attacked, murdered, and raped innocent Israelis and took hostages on October 7, 2023. Israel has taken steps to minimize civilian casualties in Gaza, but Hamas puts civilians in harm's way by using them as human shields in hospitals, schools, homes, places of worship. Israel does not engage in genocide, which is the intentional targeting of a group to be eliminated.

This bill does nothing to promote a resolution of the conflict in Gaza and does not acknowledge the atrocities by Hamas against international law that caused Israel's actions.

We strongly urge an UNFAVORABLE report for HJ0009.

Thank you,

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