

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 Michael Lent, I am a resident of Parkville in District 08. 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.

We must to condemn genocide, ethnic cleansing and human rights violations committed or supported by any nation wether they are friends, adversaries and our ourselves. Working to build a better world requires us to face the one we have and not hide hoping it will be fixed by others. No others are coming and the problems are ours to address.

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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