

March 9, 2026

To: Chair Sandy J. Bartlett
House Rules Committee
230 Taylor House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Testimony In Support of HJ 9 Condemning Violence and Violations of Law - Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan

Position: FAVORABLE

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in the very strongest support of a favorable position for Joint Resolution HJ 9. I unequivocally condemn the violence that the United States Government enacts on people in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza, and Sudan.

As a Palestinian living in Anne Arundel county, it devastates me what is happening in my ancestral home along with Congo and Sudan. Knowing my tax dollars go towards funding multiple genocides fills me with anger and grief. I urge you all to condemn this violence orchestrated by our country and take a stance against funding killing.

The troops that the U.S sends are merely used as bodies, the money that can be used to benefit our country is used to pay for bullets, our voices are silenced by the administration leaving us feeling helpless. This violence is mirrored in our county with the multiple violent ICE arrests and brutality, which is why we need to condemn violence for all across the board.

As a Palestinian living in this county, I hope you see my humanity and the humanity of my people enduring constant violence, starvation, humiliation, and torture. I highly urge a favorable report.

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