

Hello Ways & Means Committee,

I am writing for a favorable vote for putting Palestinian education into the schools of Maryland for my future family. I would like for my children to learn how Palestine was an important commercial hub connecting Europe and Asia. I would like them to learn how Jaffa is known for its oranges back in the 19th century. I would like them to learn how Palestinians have been cultivating olive trees for thousands of years and the importance of the olive branch and peace. I would like my children to understand the symbolic importance of the olive branch utilized in many American emblems and currency and how Palestine is home of the olive branch. Palestinian history ties into American history. It's important for children to understand the global connection between other countries and cultures and how children in those regions are just like them.

With Peace,  
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