

State of Connecticut
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

RE: IMMEDIATE & PERMANENT CEASEFIRE

Dear President Biden and the Connecticut Congressional Delegation,

We, the undersigned Connecticut General Assembly members and elected officials of Connecticut, value human life, dignity, equality, safety, and peace for all, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. We stand in solidarity with the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities, reaffirming our commitment to their safety, security, and well-being both here in Connecticut and to their families and friends in Israel and Palestine. It is in this spirit that we join with voices of conscience in Connecticut and around the world in recognizing the imperative need for an immediate, mutual, and permanent ceasefire in the assault on Gaza.

In the wake of the horrific events of October 7, which connect to a history of conflict, armed violence in Israel and Palestine has claimed the lives of innocent civilians, with tens of thousands of lives lost, hundreds of thousands of people displaced, and homes, neighborhoods, schools, universities, hospitals, churches, and mosques destroyed. Furthermore, absent an immediate ceasefire and prompt delivery of sufficient humanitarian aid into Gaza, hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk of death by starvation, dehydration, and disease. All religious sites, including the Western Wall (HaKotel HaMa'aravi) and Al Aqsa complex, must be protected from encroachment and destruction.

We further urge you to prioritize the safety and well-being of all hostages and detainees in both Gaza and Israel, recognizing their right to freedom and unconditional release. We call on you to exercise all available diplomatic leverage toward such end.

Israel's current military solution has proved counterproductive resulting in unnecessary deaths and prolonged suffering. There is much to do to secure a peace that ensures safety, freedom, justice, and equality for all people in the region. But the immediate priority must be to stop the mounting death and destruction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maryam Khan".

State Representative Maryam Khan, 5th District



State Senator Gary Winfield, 10th District

Senator Jan Hochadel

State Senator Jan Hochadel, 13th District



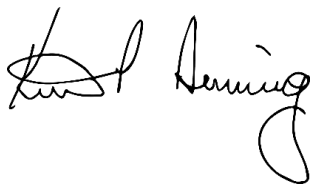
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