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Dear Senators Markey and Warren,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to cosponsor and vote in favor of the Joint Resolutions of Disapproval (JRDs) (S.J.Res.111 to S.J.Res.116) [introduced](#) on September 25 by Senators Sanders, Welch, Schatz and Merkley to block the delivery of an additional \$20B of U.S. weapons to Israel, over and above the record-breaking amount of \$17.9B in weapons already delivered since October 7, 2023.

The JRDs would block the transfer of the types of weapons that Israel have used in strikes that have killed thousands of civilians, including aid workers and journalists, in Gaza over the last year. Independent human rights and conflict monitors have thoroughly documented the Israeli military's use of weapons from the United States in attacks that have killed Palestinian civilians. President Biden has [described](#) Israeli government attacks as “indiscriminate.” For example, the JRDs would block the delivery of [joint direct attack munitions](#) (JDAMs) and [tank shells](#), which the Israeli military has repeatedly used in attacks that have killed civilians in densely populated areas. The JRDs do not block purely defensive weapons systems such as the Iron Dome.

Israeli military attacks have [killed](#) more than 42,000 Palestinians (most of them women, children and the elderly) and decimated Gaza's [hospitals](#), [schools](#), [critical infrastructure](#), and [residential housing](#). Human rights organizations have concluded that the Israeli military has [repeatedly violated](#) international humanitarian law. Humanitarian groups have stressed that Israeli forces [continue](#) to restrict the delivery of humanitarian aid as hundreds of thousands of people in Gaza [are](#) on the precipice of starvation and [suffering](#) from the spread of deadly diseases, including [polio](#).

The Israeli military is also [carrying](#) out attacks in the West Bank and Lebanon, including recent strikes in densely populated areas of Beirut, [that demonstrate](#) a similar disregard for the protection of civilians.

Continued arms transfers to Israel are [contrary to U.S. law](#) and the Biden administration's own arms [transfer policy](#), which [include restrictions](#) on arms transfers to any country based on human rights, international humanitarian law, and humanitarian assistance criteria. For example, Section 520I of the Foreign Assistance Act prohibits military aid to any country that

restricts the delivery of U.S. humanitarian assistance. As [demonstrated by the National Security Memorandum 20 process](#), the Biden administration is in blatant disregard of these standards.

Senators Markey and Warren, we call upon you to demonstrate that you oppose further suffering and stand for the rule of law and the protection of civilians by supporting the Joint Resolutions of Disapproval. Every day the cruel killing and destruction continues brings lasting shame on the U.S as Israel's main weapons supplier.

NOT ANOTHER BOMB!

Signed,

Massachusetts Peace Action
Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine
Allston Brighton for Palestine
Amherst Books
Amrheins
Anti-racist Collective of Avid Birders (Feminist Bird Club - Western MA chapter)
Arlington for Palestine
Arlington United for Justice with Peace
Ban Killer Drones/ Weaponized Drone Ban Treaty Campaign
Bershires Democratic Socialists of America
Boston Democratic Socialists of America
Boston Workers Circle
Campaign for Peace, Disarmament, and Common Security
Cape Cod for Palestine
Cape Codders for Peace and Justice
Center for Nonviolent Solutions (Worcester)
Committee for Peace and Human Rights
Community Alliance for Peace and Justice
Community Church of Boston
Council on American Islamic Relations - Massachusetts (CAIR-MA)
Demilitarize Western Massachusetts
Diana's List at Theodore Parker Church (UU, West Roxbury)
Doctors Against Genocide
Dorchester People for Peace
First Church Unitarian, Littleton - Racial Justice Action Committee
First Parish Hingham, Old Ship Church Board of Trustees
First Parish in Malden, Unitarian-Universalist
Franklin County Continuing the Political Revolution
Friends Meeting at Cambridge (Quakers) Peace and Social Justice Committee
Hampshire College Faculty and Staff for Justice in Palestine
Hampshire College Students for Justice in Palestine

Hampshire Mosque
House of Peace (Ipswich)
HRA:PI/CD3 (Human Rights Awareness: Palestine Israel/MA 3rd Congressional District)
If Not Now Boston
Interlink Publishing
Irish-Americans for Palestine, Boston
Islamic Society of Western Massachusetts
Jamaica Plain for Palestine
Jewish Voice for Peace Boston
Jewish Voice for Peace Western Mass.
Just Us
Leahy Fast for Palestine
Massachusetts Action for Justice
Massachusetts Green-Rainbow Party
Maynard for Palestine
Medway Marches, Inc.
Merrimack Valley People for Peace
Middle East Peace and Justice Coalition of Western Massachusetts
MTA Rank-and-File for Palestine
National Iranian American Council (NIAC) - Massachusetts Chapter
Neurological Associates of Western Massachusetts, LLP
New England Korea Peace Campaign
New England Peace Pagoda
Newton Dialogues on Peace and War
North Shore Friends Meeting (Quakers)
NPP Books
NuclearBan.us
Olive Branch Fair Trade, Inc.
Our Revolution Massachusetts
Palestine Advocacy Project
Party for Socialism and Liberation
Pax Christi Massachusetts
Pax Christi Western Massachusetts
Peace of Mind Personalized Pet Care Solutions LLC
Plymouth for Palestine
Progressive Democrats of America (MA chapter)
Quincy for a Free Palestine
Raising Luminaries
Saint Francis and Therese Catholic Worker (Worcester)
Samantha Smith, Veterans for Peace Chapter 45 (North Shore)
Sawa: Newton-Area Alliance for Peace and Justice
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Boston
Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield
Smedley D. Butler Brigade, Veterans for Peace Chapter 9, Boston, MA

Society for Biblical Studies
Somerville for Palestine
Southeast Massachusetts Coalition for a Free Palestine
Springfield No One Leaves
The Peacemakers Network
Traprock Center for Peace and Justice
UFCW Local 1459
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport - Social Justice Committee
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East, MA chapter
United American Indians of New England (UAINÉ)
Valley Families for Palestine
Watertown Citizens for Peace, Justice and the Environment
Wellfleet for Palestine
Western Massachusetts CODEPINK
Western Massachusetts Standing Up for Racial Justice
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Boston Branch
Worcester Roots