

October 3, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

As organizations representing diverse American communities, we are appalled by the recent military escalations in the Middle East, the spiraling civilian death tolls, and the failure of the Biden Administration to secure a ceasefire and prevent a march to full-blown regional war with Iran.

It is not in the national interest for the U.S. to be led into a war with Iran by Benjamin Netanyahu's government in Israel. It is in the strong national interest to utilize diplomacy, backed by full American leverage - including withholding further offensive weapons transfers to Israel's military - to move all the parties back from the brink and toward a ceasefire that ends the devastation of Gaza and Lebanon and reverses the slide to regional war.

We implore the Biden-Harris administration to rethink its deferential approach to Netanyahu's defiant escalations and do everything in its power to push back strongly on those eager to exploit this chaos to trigger a wider war. There is no "de-escalation through escalation" – Biden must stop the flow of US weapons that are enabling Israel to provoke regional war.

Moreover, we urge you to recognize and respect that Congress has not authorized military force against Iran or militias backed by Iran, and that any potential military action against Iran could only proceed following a debate and passage of a war authorization before entering our troops into any imminent hostilities in the region. President Biden has recently spoken of steps he has taken to wind down America's military footprint abroad. However, unless he acts quickly and decisively through diplomacy, it appears that a new endless war will be his legacy.

Again, we urge U.S. policymakers to lead with diplomacy at this critical moment to deescalate with Iran and reach a ceasefire in Gaza, Lebanon and beyond, and to respect the U.S. Constitution and Congress' war power authorities.

Sincerely,

ABLE NH  
Action Corps  
The Alliance for the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes  
Alliance for Water Justice in Palestine

Alliance of Baptists  
Arab American Civic Council  
Ban Killer Drones  
Brooklyn for Peace  
Center for International Policy  
Center for Jewish Nonviolence  
Chico Peace Endeavor Vigil  
Coalition for Peace Action  
Coalition for Peace, Relief and Equity  
CODEPINK  
Concerned Families of Westchester (NY)  
Connecticut Palestine Alliance (CTPA)  
Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus  
Democratic Socialists of America  
Democratic Socialists of America (Maine)  
Doctors Against Genocide  
DuPage Progressive Alliance  
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Friends of Sabeel North America (FOSNA)  
Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace  
GRANNY PEACE BRIGADE, NYC  
Hajra Project  
Hawai`i Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines  
Hindus for Human Rights  
Historians for Peace and Democracy  
Human Rights Awareness: Palestine Israel/MA CD3  
IfNotNow  
Illinois Progressives  
Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Jewish Voice for Peace Central Ohio  
Just Foreign Policy  
Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives  
MADRE  
Maine Coalition for Palestine  
Maine Voices for Palestinian Rights  
Massachusetts Peace Action  
Minnesota Peace Project  
MPower Change Action Fund  
Muslim Delegates and Allies

Muslims United PAC  
National Iranian American Council  
New York Progressive Action Network  
NYC Metro Raging Grannies  
The Oakland Institute  
Pax Christi Boston, MA  
Pax Christi New Jersey  
Pax Christi New York State  
Pax Christi Pittsburgh Area  
Pax Christi Young Adult Caucus  
Peace Action  
Peace Action Chicago  
Peace Action Maine  
Peace Action Manhattan  
Peace Action Michigan  
Peace Action New Hampshire  
Peace Action New York State  
Peace Action San Mateo County  
Peace Action Wisconsin  
Peace And Truth Heals (PATH) / Chambers of Compassion Initiative  
Peace, Justice, Sustainability, NOW!  
The Peacemakers Network  
Philadelphia Alliance of Muslim Mothers  
Physicians for Humanity  
Progressive Democrats of America - Central New Mexico  
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft  
ReThinking Foreign Policy  
RootsAction.org  
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Bay Area  
Solidarity 2020 and Beyond  
Sonoma County for Palestine  
St. Columba Catholic Church  
The Church of the Good Shepherd  
The Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince Georges County Maryland  
Tompkins County Progressives  
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East  
Uptown Progressive Action  
US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR)  
Veterans For Peace Chapter 35 Spokane, Washington

Wellfleet for Palestine  
West Suburban Peace Coalition  
Western New York Peace Center  
Women for Weapons Trade Transparency  
World BEYOND War  
Yemen Relief and Reconstruction Foundation  
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