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We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to cosponsor and vote in favor of the joint resolutions of disapproval [introduced](#) by Senators Sanders, Welch, Schatz and Merkley regarding several specific major arms sales to the government of Israel.

The joint resolutions of disapproval would suspend the transfer of some of the weapons that the Israeli government has 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." The joint resolutions of disapproval would block certain sales 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 resolutions do not implicate missile defense systems.

Israeli military attacks have [killed](#) more than 40,000 Palestinians 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 Lebanon, including recent strikes in densely populated areas of Beirut, [that demonstrate](#) a similar disregard for the protection of civilians.

Continued arms transfers to the Israeli government 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, U.S. law prohibits military aid to governments that restrict the delivery

of U.S. humanitarian assistance. As [demonstrated by the National Security Memorandum 20 process](#), the Biden administration has not complied with these standards.

The Senate will soon have the opportunity to demonstrate that it opposes further suffering and stands for the rule of law and the protection of civilians by supporting the joint resolutions of disapproval introduced on September 25. We endorse Senator Sanders, Welch, Schatz and Merkley's resolutions and urge all Senators to cosponsor and vote in favor of their passage.

Signed,

5C Cultural Center

About Face: Veterans Against the War

Ajkal Weekly Newspaper

Antiracist Alliance

Bangladeshi American Advocacy Group - BAAG

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace

Broadway Elite

Brooklyn For Peace

Broome County Peace Action

CODEPINK Upper Hudson Valley

CenterCerns, Maryknoll Sisters

Codepink Long Island

Columbia County for Palestine

Concerned Families of Westchester

Crescent School Teachers

DAWN

Doctors Against Genocide

Episcopal Priests

Fellowship of Reconciliation - USA

Franciscan Justice Circle Mid-Hudson Valley, NY

Friends Committee on National Legislation New York

Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace

Green Education and Legal Fund

Green Party of New York

Hofstra University Professors

IfNotNow New York City

In Pursuit Collective

Ithaca Committee for Justice in Palestine

Jewish Voice for Peace - Albany

Jewish Voice For Peace - Westchester

Jewish Voice for Peace- Buffalo  
Judson Memorial Church  
Kabab Guys  
L.I.Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives  
Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS  
Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives  
Long Island DSA  
Long Island Progressive Coalition  
MPower Change Action Fund  
Mamas 4 A Free Palestine  
Masjid As-Salam  
Morningside Quaker Meeting  
Muslim Peace Fellowship  
Muslim Solidarity Committee  
NY Progressive Action Network (NYPAN)  
NY-09 Neighbors  
NY-10 Neighbors  
Nassau Chapter of the Working Families Party  
National Iranian American Council New York Chapter  
New York Progressive Action Network  
New York State Council of Churches  
North Country Peace Group  
Ocean Bites & Mediterranean  
Pax Christi Hudson Valley, NY  
Pax Christi Long Island  
Pax Christi New York City  
Pax Christi New York State  
Peace Action Bay Ridge  
Peace Action Geneseo  
Peace Action Le Moyne (PALM)  
Peace Action Manhattan  
Peace Action New York State  
Peace Action of Staten Island  
Progressive East End Reformers  
Project SALAM  
Sacred River Healing  
Schoharie County Peace Makers  
Shoresh NYC Chapter  
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester  
Sisters of Mercy

Solidarity Committee, Capital District  
South Country Peace Group  
Staten Island 4 Palestine  
Students for Justice in Palestine at Le Moyne College  
Suffolk For A Ceasefire  
Syracuse Democratic Socialists of America  
Syracuse Peace Council  
Syracuse for Palestine and Global Liberation  
Syracuse for Palestinian and Greater Liberation  
The Hampton Institute: a Working Class Think Tank  
The Queer Palestinian Empowerment Network  
Treetops Tree Service  
UNY - United Methodist Task Force on Peace w/ Justice in Palestine/Israel  
United Muslim Alliance of Albany  
Upper Hudson Peace Action  
VOCAL-NY  
Veterans For Peace - NYC Chapter 34  
Veterans For Peace, Tom Paine Chapter  
Vigil For Yemen  
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.  
Walkabout Clearwater  
We Are Revolutionary  
Western New York Peace Center  
Women Against War  
World Can't Wait