



## MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES • STATE SENATE

Joseph Biden  
President of the United States of America  
1600 W. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, DC 20500

November 22, 2023

Dear President Biden,

We are state legislators in Michigan writing to formally urge you to advance a lasting ceasefire to address the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The agreement announced yesterday, including a four day ceasefire and release of hostages by Hamas and prisoners by Israel, is a positive step forward.

As of this writing, over 1,200 Israelis and over 13,000 Palestinians have been killed since the horrific attack on October 7, 2023.<sup>1 2</sup> We condemn the October 7th attack and urge the immediate, unconditional release of all hostages.

International organizations, faith leaders, elected officials, and community leaders across the world have called for a ceasefire – including the United Nations, World Health Organization, UNICEF, and Amnesty International. Among the 13,000 Palestinian civilians who have been killed are more than 5,000 children.<sup>3</sup> We condemn the killing of all innocent civilians, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

Some aid has been able to enter Gaza since October 21, but there continue to be insufficient supplies of water, food, medicine, and blood. According to the World Health Organization, 20 of Gaza's hospitals are no longer functioning. Over 1 million residents have been displaced from their homes in Gaza, leading to a growing humanitarian crisis.

Many of the actions that have taken place are prohibited by the Geneva Convention. Peace, justice, and the upholding of human rights must be our aim and our nation has the opportunity to be a leader in advancing these goals.

We write to urge you to do everything in your power as the President of the United States to reach an immediate durable ceasefire. We urge the immediate and unconditional release of all

<sup>1</sup> Israeli Foreign Ministry, November 12, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Palestinian Health Ministry, November 19, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Palestinian Health Ministry, November 19, 2023.

hostages, the adherence of all international laws, and aid to ensure that every person living in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank can live with self determination, dignity, and humanity.

Respectfully,

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