

## End the Brutal War in Gaza

### Only a Permanent Ceasefire Can Help Secure Peace

On March 18, Israel resumed massive airstrikes on Gaza, shattering a fragile ceasefire with Hamas before it could enter its next stage. The ceasefire must be restored, along with a just and lasting end to all hostilities.

- **Publicly support a restoration of a ceasefire** and lasting peace agreement by making public statements.
- **Use Congressional tools to leverage military, economic, and diplomatic support** to the Netanyahu government to hold him accountable for the war and press him to restore a ceasefire.
- **Publicly rebuke President Trump's calls for a "Riviera" and U.S. occupation in Gaza**, which would violate international law and promote ethnic cleansing of Palestinians.

### Surge Humanitarian Aid to Gaza, Including Restoring UNRWA Funding

Israel has been blocking humanitarian aid to Gaza since March. [United Nations officials warn](#)<sup>1</sup> millions, over half of whom are children, are experiencing forced starvation. The U.S.-backed Gaza Humanitarian Foundation — which has received [widespread criticism from humanitarian agencies](#)<sup>2</sup> — has been plagued by chaos, from the immediate resignation of its head, Jake Wood, to aid cutoffs and tragic shooting deaths. UN aid chief Tom Fletcher rightly called GHF a "cynical sideshow" and a "[fig leaf for further violence and displacement](#)."<sup>3</sup>

- **Support S.Res.224**, by Senator Peter Welch, and **H.Res.473** by Rep. Pramila Jayapal, calling for the urgent delivery of humanitarian aid to address the needs of civilians in Gaza.
- **Support the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act** by Senator Peter Welch, **S.898**, and Rep. André Carson, **H.R.2411**, to rescind the temporary pause in funding for UNRWA and restore future funding through the FY2025 appropriations process.
- **Publicly call for full humanitarian access** in all parts of Gaza to ensure food, fuel, medicine, and clean water are available for Palestinian civilians who are in desperate need.

### No Military Aid or Weapons to Israel as It Commits Gross Human Rights Violations

Israel has not only regularly blocked humanitarian aid to Gaza, it has also carried out several attacks on humanitarian aid personnel. U.S. law, specifically the Foreign Assistance Act, prohibits arms transfers to countries that block humanitarian aid or commit serious human rights violations. By continuing these sales, the U.S. both disregards its laws and promotes further violence at a time we need to restore a truce.

- **Block all offensive weapons sales and military assistance to Israel by supporting Joint Resolutions of Disapproval (JRDs)** for the billions in proposed arms transfers. The administration is attempting to evade Congressional oversight and eliminate modest [restrictions on arms transfers](#)<sup>4</sup> to Israel that were in place. The JRDs include Senator Bernie Sanders's **S.J.Res.20-23** and **S.J.Res.32-35** and Reps. Pramila Jayapal and Rashida Tlaib's **H.J.Res.68-71** and **H.J.Res.83-86**.
- **Support the "Block the Bombs" bill**, **H.R.3565**, by Rep. Delia Ramirez, to provide for a limitation on the transfer of defense articles and defense services to Israel.

### Oppose Wider Military Escalation Across the Region

While the U.S. has ceased bombing Yemen, for now, there is nothing to prevent Trump from resuming strikes if he desires. Such open-ended military action is unconstitutional without a debate and vote in Congress.

- **Support a War Powers vote** on U.S. military engagement in Yemen to prevent further escalation.
- **Call for diplomacy that advances immediate regional de-escalation** to prevent further violence across the Middle East, including in Iran, Lebanon, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Gaza, and the West Bank.

<sup>1</sup> Keane, Fergal, *Gaza subjected to forced starvation, top UN official tells BBC*, BBC, May 31, 2025

<sup>2</sup> El-Bawab, Nadine and Ellie Kaufman, *Humanitarian groups, UN heavily criticize new aid distribution plan in Gaza*, ABC News, June 1, 2025

<sup>3</sup> Nichols, Michelle, *UN humanitarian chief slams aid plan for Gaza proposed by Israel, backed by US*, Reuters, May 14, 2025

<sup>4</sup> Isaac, David, *Trump rescinds Biden-era rule linking arms sales and human rights*, Jewish Chronicle, February 25, 2025