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Subject: Support for Malden City Council Ceasefire Resolution 271-24
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Dear City Councillors and Mayor Christenson:

I'm writing to SUPPORT Malden City Council Resolution 271-24 for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, freeing of all hostages and detainees, and immediate resumption of humanitarian aid and rebuilding of civilian infrastructure in Gaza.

We must act urgently to stop the violence in Palestine and Israel and help people return to their families and other loved ones. Nearly the entire population of Gaza has been displaced by Israel's attacks. Israel has decimated the Palestinian health system, in violation of international law. Since October 7, the WHO has recorded a total of 890 attacks on health facilities, over half occurring in the West Bank.

Over a million Palestinians are trapped in Rafah, and 600,000 of them are children, already injured, malnourished, and forcibly displaced from their homes. Some have lost their entire families. All 2 million Palestinians in Gaza are suffering from famine, as Israel has cut off the entry of food, water and medical supplies. We must act with urgency to help minimize as much suffering as possible, and engage in ways which embody care for others.

We have paid over \$300 billion of our tax dollars to Israel in aid since the country's inception, much more than to any other US ally. Two of three US voters have supported ceasefire since late October, and a majority of Americans support conditioning future aid to Israel on its ability to abide by international humanitarian law. We have a duty to speak up and say that a just resolution for Palestinians and Israelis will only come through diplomacy and ensuring that everyone has the right to live in dignity, with equal rights and self-sovereignty.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you take action.

Sincerely,

Aisha Cruse, Co-President of the Board of First Parish Malden Unitarian Universalist,
Medford resident.

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