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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 would like to strongly urge you all to vote YES on the ceasefire resolution. Some may say that a city has no plausible action it could take to impact any outcome in an international issue. However these resolutions help to apply pressure to those who do wield influence and power.

Another common reason to oppose such resolutions is by claiming that we do not weigh in on other international affairs. The reason we must make our voices heard on this particular one is because our own tax dollars are being used to fund it. We produce and ship the weapons necessary to carry out war crimes against civilians.

Those who say Israel is only defending itself have not seen the blatant targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure in the name of fighting terror. This is not a war of self defense but of vengeance. It is absolutely clear Israel is doing everything it can to punish every last Gazan.

Finally this war did not begin on October 7th. This <u>article</u> written in August 2023 by Human Rights Watch points to how deadly that year was for just Palestinian children. I am not what kind of ceasefire was in place that allows this many children to be considered expendable.

Sincerely,

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