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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.

You may hear that this is not a local issue - but it is. In a typical year, the federal government forces our city to spend almost 1 million dollars on military aid to Israel each year - money that could be spent or saved to help our own community. Of course, this hasn't been a typical year. The longer this goes on, the more it costs our community.

Not only that, despite widespread support for a ceasefire among Democrats, our representatives in Congress pretend they do not hear our calls. It's time for our local community to raise our voice and object, and we need your help.

Consider that a March Gallup poll found that support for the ongoing conflict among all parties is shrinking into a minority (36%), down from 50% in November. Since then, Americans were killed by Israeli missile strikes. Then, the recent attack on Rafah made the situation even more unconscionable as the public saw photo evidence of what our continued support does - it results in bombs that indiscriminately behead infants. I anticipate future polls will continue to show dwindling support.

Of course, it's impossible to ignore that those bombs also put the hostages at risk. They do not discriminate. Diplomacy, not 2,000 lb bombs, is the best available way to make sure the hostages are returned home.

We must act urgently to stop the violence in Palestine and Israel and help people return to their families and other loved ones. 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.

Please be a voice for the community of Malden. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you take action.

Sincerely,

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