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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 support the ceasefire resolution. It is hard to understand how continued fighting is going to ever benefit the lives of Israelis, Israeli hostages, or Palestinians. The sooner we allow for the rebuilding and healing of both communities the sooner people can work towards solutions that create safety and security for all. Leaders that promote continued war and fighting do so only for their own grasp on power, and not for the people they claim to protect. One may wonder what power a city council resolution really does to change a situation, as I have myself. But as someone who has been watching this discussion unfold locally mostly from the sidelines, I realized that diverse perspectives in our community organizing to discuss this complex issue drove people to have views that were more harmonious and far less polarizing than the dialogue happening on social media. So the mere process of people having dialogue with community members, as opposed to on social media, can be more useful in finding and articulating common ground that makes all of our community feel supported and accepted. I want to live in a community where we can agree that life is sacred and nothing justifies taking it. We don't have to propose the solutions to what comes next for Israel and Palestine, but I do hope we can agree that more killing is not the answer. Sincerely,

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