From: Mohammad Abutaha

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Subject: Support for Malden City Council Ceasefire Resolution 271-24

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Dear City Councilors and Mayor Christenson,

My name is Mohammad Abutaha, and I have been a resident of Malden for the past 27 years. I live at 190 Mountain Ave. I am writing to express my full support for Malden City Council Resolution 271-24, advocating for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, the release of all hostages and detainees, and the urgent resumption of humanitarian aid and rebuilding efforts in Gaza.

The situation in Palestine and Israel demands our immediate attention and action. The recent attacks have caused immense suffering, with nearly the entire population of Gaza displaced and the Palestinian health system decimated. The World Health Organization has reported numerous attacks on health facilities, further exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.

Of particular concern are the over a million Palestinians trapped in Rafah, including 600,000 children who are already suffering from injuries, malnutrition, and displacement. The blockade imposed by Israel has led to widespread famine and shortages of essential supplies, intensifying the suffering of Gaza's residents.

As citizens, we have contributed significant aid to Israel over the years, and it is imperative that we now advocate for a just resolution to the conflict. The majority of Americans support conditioning future aid to Israel on its adherence to international humanitarian law, reflecting our collective commitment to justice and equality for all.

I urge you to take swift action in support of Resolution 271-24 and to prioritize diplomacy and humanitarian efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution to the crisis. Every individual deserves the right to live in dignity and security, regardless of their nationality or ethnicity.

I eagerly await your response and stand ready to support any efforts to address this urgent issue.

Sincerely,

Mohammad Abutaha

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