

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply concerned about your Administration's recent actions at the United Nations from proposing an "immediate and sustained ceasefire" to then abstaining rather than vetoing a resolution to the United Nations Security Council calling for an "immediate ceasefire" in Gaza.¹ Despite your Administration's spin, the U.S. abstention cleared the way for the resolution to pass, making your Administration complicit in undermining Israel's response to Hamas's attack last fall.

On October 7, 2023, Hamas fighters launched a brutal and deadly attack in southern Israel that killed 1,200 people and took 240 hostages, they raped, tortured, and kidnapped Israeli civilians, including women and children. Hamas leaders have no intentions to end their repeated assaults on Israel. It is wholly unrealistic to expect Israel to consent to a ceasefire unless it can reassure its citizens that its enemies are no longer a genuine threat.

An immediate ceasefire in the region would allow Hamas to reorganize and re-arm. This ceasefire represents nothing more than an extension of the Biden Administration's failed appeasement tactics in the region, further emboldening Hamas and its allies to resume its horrible attacks.

The recent actions of your Administration have significantly strained our relationship with one of America's closest allies and led Prime Minister Netanyahu to cancel his visit to the United States. We urge you to support Israel in its fight against Hamas and stop undermining them on the world stage.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Andy Biggs
Member of Congress



Andy Ogles
Member of Congress

¹ Barak Ravid, *UN Security Council passes Gaza ceasefire resolution, U.S. doesn't veto*, AXIOS (March 25, 2024), <https://www.axios.com/2024/03/25/gaza-ceasefire-resolution-un-security-council-veto>.

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