

Subject Line: **Requesting Support for Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza**

Hi [Name of Office Rep. for House Congressperson],

My name is [Name] and I am writing on behalf of a coalition of [US-based healthcare workers](#).

Over 800 Palestinians were killed today in an Israeli airstrike on a hospital in Gaza, bringing the death toll to over 3000 in just 12 days. This number is still rising. There is no food, fuel, water, and supplies. The only possible humanitarian corridors and evacuation routes have been bombed. This genocide must stop.

Representatives Cori Bush, Rashida Tlaib, Andre Carson, Summer Lee, and Delia Ramirez are leading an anti-war push in Congress to call on President Biden to immediately demand and facilitate a ceasefire. Seven more representatives – Greg Casar, Joaquin Castro, Veronica Escobar, Pramila Jayapal, Barbara Lee, James P. McGovern, and Jesús G. “Chuy” Garcia [released a joint statement in support](#) of the resolution and an immediate ceasefire.

Congressman [e.g. Greg Casar] – as a candidate who ran on a progressive platform – has not yet signed this resolution. [Include here the name of your representative, if they’re a progressive the fact that they are progressive, etc.]

We are asking Congressman [e.g. Casar] to support this House resolution calling for an immediate ceasefire. Please see our [petition here](#) – we have already collected 2700 signatures, and counting.

Who we are:

We are a group of US-based healthcare providers and trainees. We call on the international healthcare community to [sign in support of the below statement](#).

We stand unequivocally in solidarity with the Palestinian people. We are devastated by the violence the Israeli government has carried out against them. We recognize the asymmetry of power between the colonizer (the Israeli state) and the colonized (the Palestinian people) and the indiscriminate violence. Drawing on statements made by Palestinian, [Israeli](#), and global news sources and [agencies](#), we understand that the system of Israeli apartheid and [settler colonialism](#) lies at the root of the [many deaths of Israelis and Palestinians](#). In 2012, the [United Nations](#) issued a dire warning that if the Israeli blockade continues, “the consequences can be negative: social tension, violence, and extremism...This is the scenario in Gaza, unless the political and economic situation changes substantially.” Israel, however, repeatedly ignored such warnings and maintained the illegal blockade.

Israeli apartheid, endorsed by the United States, harms us all. In the last week alone, [2,200 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, including 583 children, have been killed by indiscriminate Israeli bombing and 7,388 have been injured](#). To understand the scale of the tragedy unfolding, Israel has dropped [6,000 bombs over 6 days](#); this is as compared to the equally tragic and unjustified 2,500 bombs per *month* dropped on Iraq and Syria by the United States and allies.

Our calls to action:

1. **To condemn the violence and destruction against the healthcare system that the Israeli State is inflicting against Palestine and the Palestinian people, in all of its forms.** As healthcare workers, we cannot look away from human suffering and must turn toward it, especially in defense of the most systematically oppressed and vulnerable, and respond. We urge you, as individuals, to first and foremost, elevate the voices of those in Gaza. As Gaza is placed under internet blockade, it is paramount that we continue to amplify the horrors happening. Our power as healthcare workers is to hold our health systems accountable to the values of human rights. We ask that our colleagues take the following steps to ensure that your institutions do not remain neutral in the setting of mass displacement and mass atrocities:

2. **We must materially support our international colleagues using direct aid. Palestinian people are in urgent need of food, water, fuel, and medical supplies since Israel restricted access to these materials in the Gaza Strip.** We need to stay diligent in our solidarity, by amplifying and **materially supporting the Palestinian people** through solidarity protests, direct material aid, and economic resistance. Colleagues in touch with those on the ground have recommended the following organizations: [MedicalAidPal](#), [Palestinian Children's Relief Fund](#), [Palestinian American Medical Association](#), [Palestinian Red Crescent Organization](#), and [Doctors Without Borders](#)

Thank you!

Best,

Healthcare Workers for Palestine