

The University of Michigan  
Senate Assembly  
Resolution #121123-2

Resolution for the Faculty Senate Assembly, 11 December 2023

**Whereas**—according to [recent investigation](#) conducted by an Israeli newspaper—the proportion of civilian deaths in Gaza is higher than the average in all other world conflicts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century; and

**Whereas** [recent reports](#) from the Gaza Ministry of Health suggest that more than 1 out of every 200 people living in Gaza have been killed since 7 October 2023, with most of the dead being women and children; and

**Whereas** Amnesty International has [found](#) that munitions supplied by the United States have been used in at least two documented Israeli air strikes in Gaza, resulting in the deaths of 43 civilians; and

**Whereas**, in the [judgement](#) of Human Rights Watch, the United States risks ‘complicity in war crimes’ by continuing to provide weapons and diplomatic cover for Israeli’s ongoing ‘atrocities’ in Gaza; and

**Whereas**, in 1983, the Board of Regents at the University of Michigan responded to [years of student activism](#) by agreeing to divest 90 percent of its financial holdings from companies that did business with apartheid South Africa; and

**Whereas** in 2022 the University of Michigan announced that it was responding to Russian aggression in Ukraine by [winding up its investments in Russia](#);

**Be it resolved** that the Faculty Senate Assembly calls upon the University’s leadership to divest from its financial holdings in companies that profit from Israel’s ongoing military campaign in Gaza.