

WE MUST STOP THE FLOW OF MONEY AND WEAPONS TO ISRAEL NOW

While some of the Massachusetts congressional delegation hides behind their alleged support for a “ceasefire,” they continue to approve the funding and weapons transfers that facilitate the genocide. An October 2024 report by Brown University’s Cost of War Project showed that the U.S. under the Biden-Harris Administration [has funded 70% of the cost Israel’s genocide against the Palestinian people](#). There is no ceasefire without the US ceasing to fund and arm Israel!

MASS SENATORS VOTE TO BLOCK ARMS

**AFTER 13 MONTHS OF GENOCIDE &
VOTING TO SEND AN EXTRA \$18
BILLION TO ISRAEL IN APRIL**

**SENATORS MARKEY & WARREN
VOTED TO BLOCK *SOME* WEAPONS
TODAY IN HISTORIC VOTE**

**ARMS EMBARGO NOW!
ARMS EMBARGO NOW!
ARMS EMBARGO NOW!**



Take Action (focus on Senator Markey!)

Joint Resolution of Disapproval

Senators Sanders, Merkley, and Welch have introduced multiple Joint Resolutions of Disapproval (JRDs) to the Senate as an attempt to block \$20 billion of weapons sales to Israel. The JRDs may be voted on in the Senate as soon as November 12 (that is the earliest date, not the scheduled date). Senators Markey and Warren have not yet supported the JRDs.

- Congress is on recess through November 11, meaning all of our members are likely home in Massachusetts until then
- The JRDs have only been introduced in the Senate, not in the House. But our representatives should be pushed to support and actually take action towards an arms embargo - that could be by introducing similar JRDs or other methods.
- [Senator Sanders Fact Sheet on the JRD](#)

We know it is extremely unlikely for these to pass as Congress continues to be complicit in the genocide and ignores that the majority of their constituents support an arms embargo. But as more countries globally start cutting ties, and as the country that is providing the political, financial, and material backing for this violence - we must push for an arms embargo through all means.

This is both an opportunity to build support for an arms embargo in Congress and to expose which of our elected officials will continue their complicity in the genocide. We must also continue organizing a people's embargo by supporting efforts like the Mask off Maersk campaign, kicking weapons manufacturers out of our cities, and so much more!

Current Stances for Mass Delegation

Senator Warren



Senator Warren has now said she supports Joint Resolution of Disapproval since the Biden administration did not deliver an [arms embargo](#) this week. It is unclear how many of the six JRDs she will support. We encourage everyone to focus on Senator Markey now!

Even before October 2023, Senator Warren has publicly said she supports “conditioning aid” to Israel. How can the conditions be any clearer? Our demand is to completely stop funding and arming Israel, not just because of the genocide in the past year but because of decades of violent settler colonialism. Conditioning aid, while better than the majority of congress, is still a way of normalizing the violence of Zionism. And even though the conditions within US law have clearly been met to trigger barriers to aid, the administration continues to give blanket support.

APRIL 2024: [“I think it is clear that Congress has a responsibility to act. We have legal tools here. And as I said, we cannot approve the sale of arms to a country that is in violation of our own laws on this. And that includes access to humanitarian relief,” Warren said Thursday during an interview on “CNN News Central.” “This is a moral question; it is also a legal question. Congress has responsibility here, and I’m willing to take that responsibility,” she added.](#)

When the same Senators who introduced the JRD voted NO on the \$95 billion aid package to Ukraine and Israel in the spring, **Warren voted yes and used the excuse that the aid for Ukraine was much needed.**

Senator Markey

Senator Markey’s stance has been even worse than Warren’s:

<https://www.wbur.org/radioboston/2024/04/16/markey-iran-israel-gaza-steward-allston>

In February 2024, he and Warren both supported an [amendment conditioning the aid package](#) on following US and international law. But they both voted yes a few months later on that aid package, that included \$18 billion in aid to Israel as if it wasn’t already clear they were violating these laws (and have been long before October).

“It is imperative that all assistance to Israel abide by U.S. and international law, prioritize the protection of civilians, assure the provision of desperately needed humanitarian assistance to civilians in Gaza, and align with a long-term vision for peace, security, and two-state diplomatic solution. I thank Senator Van Hollen and my colleagues for working together on this measure to ensure all military aid to countries within the supplemental package adheres to well-established, existing U.S. and international law and to require reporting to Congress on the use of such aid,” said Senator Markey.



Call Senator Markey before Wednesday's vote!

Take Action

- Call and email Senator Warren and Markey (focus on Markey!)
 - [CALL SENATORS](#)
 - [EMAIL SENATORS](#)
- Ask them about their stance wherever you can! Check politico or their own email updates about where they will be in person.
- Post on social media - you can comment on their recent posts or tag them in yours
- Canvass - sign up for canvassing opportunities here or lead your own!
 - We will regularly post opportunities to canvass or take other actions here:
 - If your organization or formation (e.g. neighborhood for Palestine) can host canvassing, phonebanking, or other forms of outreach please do!
 - [MJL Canvassing Toolkit](#)
 - [Flyers you can use for canvassing](#)
 - [Additional flyer options](#)
- Check out [where all Senators](#) stand and ask your friends in other states to take action!

If you get a response from Warren, Markey, or their staff, share it and tag us on social media! Record any in-person questions that you ask them or moments of confrontation and share them online, and share what kind of response you're getting in meetings with their office if you're having them.

We recommend hounding your reps about the arms embargo too! Demand that they introduce a JRD or ask what other tangible action will they take to stop funding the genocide!

Talking Points

Do not beg or politely plead with these politicians! They do not answer to morals but they answer to power, so be powerful when you confront them!

[See talking points here](#)

Learn More

uscpr.org/jrdtoolkit

