

## Act Now to End the Genocide in Gaza



*Demonstrators from Jewish Voice for Peace protest the Gaza war at the Canon House Building on July 23, 2024, in Washington, D.C., a day before Benjamin Netanyahu is set to speak before Congress.*

**Last week, the Biden administration notified Congress of its intent to authorize massive new arms sales to the Israeli government, a total of \$20 billion dollars of the same kinds of weapons that have already killed more than 40,000 people in Gaza, triggered a famine, destroyed homes, hospitals, and schools, and caused the outbreak of a long-eradicated disease, polio. This has done nothing to bring home the hostages or increase long-term security for people in the region. It has, instead, brought the region – and the world – to the brink of a much wider war.**

**The clear goal of the Netanyahu government is the destruction of an entire population, using U.S. weapons. Make no mistake: this could not continue without our government's support.**

According to Win Without War (<https://winwithoutwar.org>), the most recent arms packages announced and reported on last week includes:

- ❑ \$18.8 billion for 50 F-15 fighter jets and related equipment.
- ❑ \$774 million for 32,739 120mm tank cartridges.

- ❑ \$61 million for 50,000 high-explosive mortar cartridges; and
- ❑ \$262 million for 6,500 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs).

This is not yet a “done deal,” however. The process to sell this next shipment of \$20 billion of weapons to Israel is not yet complete. The Senate has between 10 and 15 days to register disapproval by calling for a Joint Resolution of Disapproval (JRD). This would stop, or pause, the sale by requiring the Senators to debate then vote to approve, or not, this sale. **Just one Senator introducing a JRD will trigger this process.** If no Senator introduces a JRD within that time period, the sale is automatically approved.

**Everyone should start by calling Senator Bernie Sanders, of Vermont: 202-224-5141, no matter where you live.** (He is the most likely to take this action.)

(Sample script: "My name is \*\*\*\*\* I am calling for Sen. Sanders to delay the sale of \$20 billion of weapons to Israel by introducing a JRD. We should not sell weapons to a regime committing genocide. Thank you.")

Then, go to your own Senators with the same message. However unlikely they are to act, they need to hear the message loud and strong that their constituents will not stand for their complicity any longer.

Connecticut's Senators are: Sen. Chris Murphy (202) 224 4041 (home office: (860) 549-8463); Sen. Richard Blumenthal (202) 224-2823 (home office: (860) 258-6940).

Ask like-minded friends and family to do the same.

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