



February 6, 2024

Letter to Senator Wyden and Congressman Bentz

Dear Senator/Congressman,

As you know, 27,019 Palestinians have been killed and 66,139 wounded since October 7, including 85 journalists and over 136 United Nations Relief and Works Agency aid workers. An estimated 70% of the Palestinians who have been killed are women and children. At the same time, 1,139 Israelis have been killed and over 13,000 wounded during and since the Hamas attack on October 7. There are currently 108 Israelis held hostage by Hamas.

The International Court of Justice in the Hague has ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent acts of genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the situation on the ground in Gaza is beyond desperate regarding the availability of food, clean water, medicine, and supplies. At the same time, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza is fueling destabilization in the region.

For all of these reasons, the Ashland City Council urges you to do everything in your power to bring forward a cessation of hostilities in Gaza, secure release of all hostages, and provide humanitarian aid necessary to ensure the survival of Palestinian civilians.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Ashland on behalf of the Ashland City Council

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