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The Honorable Rick Larsen  
United States House of Representatives  
2163 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larsen:

We, the leadership of Indivisible Bellingham, WA, a pro-democracy, pro-voter, pro-diversity group of mainly Whatcom County-based activists, with more than 1,600 members, ask you to issue a public statement calling for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, and to urge the Biden administration to join with the international community in calls for a ceasefire and the pursuit of lasting peace and protection of civilian life.

We strongly urge you to sign on as a co-sponsor of H.R. 786, the ceasefire resolution introduced on October 16, 2023 in the House by Rep. Cori Bush, and do everything you can to ensure it gets a vote.

We unequivocally condemn Hamas' vicious attack on Israel on Oct. 7, and join the global community in expressing our horror at the murders of the 1,400 Israelis, Americans, and foreign citizens; and the capture and alleged torture and mistreatment of hundreds more.

However, since then, the humanitarian situation in Gaza has deteriorated catastrophically with Israel's ongoing bombardment and blockade of life-sustaining supplies, like water, food, medicine, and power. This conflict has claimed the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians, mostly women and children. Meanwhile, hundreds of people, including Americans, remain hostage. The escalating violence and continued bombing threaten to lead to more loss of life for Palestinians, Israelis, and many others in the area.

Our congressional leaders must hear loud and clear that Americans support the ceasefire and want to move towards a peaceful solution that values human rights.

Respectfully,  
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