



INDIVISIBLE BELLINGHAM

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

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. We urge you to join the twenty-six other US Senators, including Senator Murray, who have sent a letter to President Biden, expressing their urgent support for the Administration's efforts to secure the release of hostages in tandem with a mutual ceasefire in Gaza.

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. Please take a stand and join with the US and international communities in calls for a ceasefire and the pursuit of lasting peace and protection of civilian life.

Respectfully,
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