

Open Letter to President Joe Biden

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--Dear Mr. President,

Is there nothing . . . absolutely nothing . . . that will alter your response to the god-awful violence taking place in Gaza?

Is there nothing . . . absolutely nothing . . . that will cause you to withdraw the billions of American tax dollars that you persist in sending to Israel to support and supply its vicious attacks on the defenseless people of Gaza?

Is there nothing . . . absolutely nothing . . . that will cause you to stop the unceasing flow of arms to Israel so that it can drop bombs relentlessly on the battered, broken, traumatized people of Gaza?

Is there nothing . . . absolutely nothing . . . that can touch your heart and change your dogged support for the certifiable genocide being carried out in broad daylight against the people of Gaza in full view of the entire world?

Are not 36,000+ slaughtered Gazans enough?

Are not a million+ people displaced from their homes over and over and over enough?

Is not the massive destruction of all physical living and thriving spaces in Gaza enough?

Is not the looming starvation of an entire population of 2.2 million Gazans enough?

And now this! Is not the horrifying, excruciating, fiery death of 50 hapless Gazans and the injuring of hundreds more by a sudden conflagration precipitated by an Israeli bombing raid . . . is not even this enough?

How many Gazans must die, Mr. President, before you bring an end to this paroxysm of violence inflicted on the defenseless people of Gaza?

How many Gazans must die, Mr. President, before you repudiate the genocide taking place in Gaza, a genocide funded and supported in every possible way by the American government?

Mr. President, you are the one person in the world who can bring this war to an end.

Pull the money. All of it. Stop the weapons. All of them. Demand an immediate ceasefire.

Mr. President, end this genocide.

For the life of Gaza.

For the life of Israel.

For the soul of America.

Sincerely,

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"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking* (1973)