

**Senator Cory Booker**

New Jersey Democrat  
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Dear Senator Booker,

We, the undersigned National, state-wide, and local organizations, write to express our profound concern and disappointment in your recent vote to approve weapons transfers to the Israeli military amid its ongoing assault on the Palestinian people in Gaza, in violation of U.S. and international humanitarian law.

At a time when countless respected human rights organizations and genocide scholars — including [two leading Israeli human rights groups](#) — have concluded that Israel's actions in Gaza constitute genocide, your decision to further arm the Israeli military is unconscionable. With this vote, you chose to support the continued killing of civilians, the targeting of children, the destruction of nearly all basic infrastructure, and what experts describe as a “minutely engineered” campaign of mass starvation. You now represent the [minority](#) of the Senate Democratic Caucus that chose to supply offensive weapons to Israel. Instead, this should be a moment of unity and moral clarity within the Democratic Party.

This is not theoretical. Over 100,000 women and children in Gaza are now experiencing acute, severe malnutrition. At least 197 people, including 96 children, have already died from hunger. The World Food Program reports that one in three Gazans go without food for multiple days at a time. Your votes to continue sending offensive weapons enable this humanitarian catastrophe unfolding before the world, and render you and our country complicit in the crimes these weapons are being used to commit.

As humanitarian organizations have [stated](#) clearly, *the continued provision of weapons to Israel must stop*. This is also the position of the vast majority of the American public, including [77% of Democrats and 60% of overall registered voters](#) who oppose sending more US military aid to Israel. Among Iranian Americans — a large constituency in New Jersey — [support](#) for a ceasefire and a halt to military funding is also overwhelming, as they were forced to watch with horror as Israel expanded its military campaign to Iran, killing hundreds of civilians in June 2025. While your recent yes votes on the Kaine War Powers Resolution were a good step in the right direction towards preventing war with Iran, we would expect any Senator to show better leadership on stopping Israel's genocide and mass starvation in Gaza.

It is long past time to act. For nearly two years, Israel has systematically destroyed Gaza's hospitals, homes, schools, food systems, and infrastructure. Now, under the so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation — which Israel has used to replace the highly-respected UN-led system — aid seekers are being massacred on a daily basis in what multiple eyewitnesses, including American contractors and Israeli soldiers themselves, are calling “[killing fields](#).” Over

1,000 Palestinians seeking food and aid have reportedly been gunned down with machine guns and even tank fire. Doctors report patterns of gunshot wounds consistent with the deliberate targeting of aid seekers' heads, genitals, and chests. These are war crimes.

Under U.S. law, including the **Leahy Law** and **Section 620I of the Foreign Assistance Act**, the United States must not provide military assistance to foreign countries credibly implicated in gross human rights violations or that block U.S.-funded humanitarian aid. And yet, despite leading and signing a letter acknowledging the escalating famine in Gaza, you have taken no meaningful action to enforce these laws or apply any leverage to end the violence.

Tens of thousands of your constituents have contacted you since November 2024 urging support for the Joint Resolutions of Disapproval led by Sen. Bernie Sanders. You both had the opportunity to stand with the majority of your Democratic Senate colleagues, including Senator Kim by voting to block further arms transfers. You failed to do so.

We call on you now to:

- 1. Publicly support and vote for all future resolutions to block weapons transfers to Israel to put a stop to the genocide.**
- 2. Support and co-sponsor legislation that conditions or halts military assistance to Israel in accordance with U.S. and international law.**
- 3. Demand an immediate and lasting ceasefire, the lifting of the siege on Gaza, and the full restoration of humanitarian aid to Palestinians distributed through the UN-led system.**

New Jersey is watching. This is a defining moral moment. We urge you to be on the right side of history moving forward.

Thank you for your attention to these crucial and timely initiatives to help end this conflict and save countless lives. We look forward to your response, and we are at your disposal to meet to discuss these matters further.

Signed,

The National Iranian American Council - New Jersey Chapter

NJ Peace Action

MPower Change Action Fund

And the following organizations:

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)

Arab Muslim American Caucus of the Green Party of NJ

Binghamton Solidarity for Palestine

Binghamton Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine

CAIR Action NJ

Casa Freehold

Ceasefire Now New Jersey

Central New Jersey Democratic Socialists of America

Chatham Summit Monthly Meeting (Quakers)  
Council for Social Justice NJ  
Coalition for Peace Action  
DAWN  
Defending Rights & Dissent  
Demand Progress  
Dover for Palestine  
Dover-Randolph Monthly Meeting (Quaker)  
Engage Action NJ  
Flemington QTs  
FOSNA-NJ  
FightBackBetter News Service  
Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace  
Green Door Studio  
IfNotNow Central NJ  
International Union of Painters & Allied Trades District Council 4  
Islamic Perspectives NJ Chapter  
Jewish Voice for Peace - Westchester  
Jewish Voice for Peace Northern NJ  
Judson Memorial Church  
Masjid Ashabul Yameen  
Masjid As-Salam  
Muslim Advocates  
Muslim American Law Enforcement Association  
Northwest New Jersey FCNL Advocacy Team  
New Brunswick Islamic Center  
New Jersey Anti-Zionist Minyan  
New York Progressive Action Network  
NJ 11 for Palestine  
NJ Muslim Coalition  
NY8 Neighbors for a Gaza Ceasefire  
Occupy Bergen County  
Out Revolution NJ  
Palestine Justice Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Pax Christi New Jersey  
Peace Action Le Moyne (from Syracuse, NY)  
Peace Action Manhattan  
Peace Action Staten Island  
Perth Amboy for Palestine  
RootsAction  
Resistance Cafe  
Rowan Students for Justice in Palestine  
Rowan University YDSA  
Rutgers Queer Caucus

South Jersey Democratic Socialists of America  
South Jersey for Gaza  
South Jersey Jews for Gaza  
Speak Up for Palestine (Rochester, NY)  
The Persuasive Pen  
The Riverside Church in the City of New York  
Teaneck Peace and Justice Vigil  
The Reformed Church of Highland Park  
The Truth Project  
Veterans For Peace-NYC Chapter 34  
We Are Revolutionary  
Western NY Peace Center  
Witness Against Torture  
WILPF US (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom), US Section