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We, the undersigned organizations, wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the members of Congress who courageously voted against H.R.8034, the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act.

While H.R.8034 included humanitarian assistance funding that is sorely needed, we believe it is unjustifiable to provide further offensive military assistance to the government of Israel as well as to prohibit funding for UNRWA, the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza. With 1.1 million people in Gaza on the brink of famine, death tolls rising, and the risk of regional conflict growing, sending additional lethal support will only exacerbate tensions, worsen the humanitarian suffering in Gaza, and send a message of impunity to the Netanyahu government as it violates international law and the conditions for receiving assistance enshrined in U.S. law.

While the passage of the Israel Security Supplemental is deeply disheartening, we are immensely grateful to the members of Congress who advocated for the majority of Americans who believe the United States should stop sending weapons to continue this devastating war and should instead support an immediate and permanent ceasefire. It is abundantly clear that there is no military solution to the situation in Israel and Palestine. Only diplomacy and political engagement will end the killing, secure the release of hostages and prisoners, and lay the foundation for a just and sustainable peace.

Please do not hesitate to contact our coalition of organizations if there is any way we can offer support on this issue moving forward. Thank you once again for your courageous efforts to promote peace in Israel, Palestine, and beyond.

With appreciation,

Action Corps  
ActionAid USA  
Alliance of Baptists  
American Baptist Churches USA  
American Friends Service Committee  
Amnesty International USA  
BCT Partners  
Brooklyn for Peace  
Center for International Policy  
Center for Jewish Nonviolence  
Charity&Security Network  
Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy  
CommonDefense.us  
DAWN  
Demand Progress  
Doctors Against Genocide  
Freedom Forward  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
Historians for Peace and Democracy  
IfNotNow Movement  
Indivisible  
Just Foreign Policy  
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Minnesota Peace Project  
MoveOn  
MPower Change Action Fund  
National Iranian American Council Action  
Neighbors for Peace  
Oxfam America  
Peace Action  
Peace Action Maine  
Peace, Justice, Sustainability NOW!  
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RootsAction.org  
The Episcopal Church  
U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights Action  
United for Peace and Justice  
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