

Advocacy Teams

 Friends Committee
on National Legislation



Legislative Asks for July 2025

Urge Congress to Call for Aid Access to Gaza

- Ask your members of Congress to co-sponsor [H.Res.473](#) or [S.Res.224](#).
- Ask your members to make a public statement opposing the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) and the weaponization of aid.

Higher Level Action (Optional)

Write a one-page letter to your member of Congress with the asks above and gather signatures from respected community leaders—especially from faith, business, civic, education, veteran, healthcare, and cultural sectors. Send the signed letter to your nearest district office and the staffer you know best. Use it to request a meeting and invite the signers to join your next lobby visit.

As we enter the second half of our *Aid, Not Arms* campaign, we continue to see tensions and violence escalate in the Middle East. In June, Israel and the United States bombed Iran and Iran retaliated against Israel and the U.S. While a ceasefire was reached, tensions remain high. Thank you to everyone who made calls or sent emails to support Sen. Tim Kaine's (VA) Iran War Powers Resolution. Meanwhile, we must not let our attention drift from the desperate situation in Gaza.

The weaponized aid operation run by the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) has had horrifying results. Far too little food is being allowed in at only 4 distribution sites, no medical supplies have been allowed in, and Israeli soldiers shoot at and kill hungry people in line for food almost daily. In your lobby visits, use our [fact sheet](#) to explain why the GHF is so dangerous. And emphasize that the GHF isn't a solution – it's part of the problem. Given the large scale of the need and the violence at these sites, there's a moral imperative for members of Congress to speak out and not pretend that this is sustainable or acceptable. Trusted humanitarian agencies must be allowed to distribute the aid.

In the House, we're asking members to co-sponsor [H.Res.473](#). Support for the resolution is growing—we've now passed 100 co-sponsors! We are asking House members to co-sponsor the bill and put out a statement opposing the GHF operation. **In the Senate**, we're urging co-sponsorship of [S.Res.224](#), the companion bill to H.Res.473. If members have already co-sponsored (as all but one Democrat have), ask them to make a public statement opposing the GHF operation.

It can be easy to feel discouraged and frustrated by the magnitude of the crisis in Gaza. However, as the news cycle and the world turns away, we are persistently working to keep Congress' eyes on this issue. We are the moral voice saying, **"Don't look away. People are suffering. We want to see you take action!"** Let us keep hope alive, stay strong, and keep up our vital work.

Read more about our ask here: fcnl.org/teamtoolkit