

Advocacy Teams

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Legislative Asks for November 2025

Urge Congress to Send Aid, not Arms

- Asks for Republicans: make a public statement calling for aid access to Gaza, make 3 calls to reopen the medical evacuation pathway to the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN)
- Asks for Democrats: co-sponsor the Block the Bombs Act and support Joint Resolutions of Disapproval, make public statements on aid and the EJHN

Read more in detail about these asks below and on page 2.

Since the fragile ceasefire between Israel and Hamas went into effect on October 10, over 200 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli airstrikes and the Israeli army is still hindering the flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza. The 20-point peace plan called for 600 aid trucks to enter Gaza daily, but Israel has only allowed a maximum of 300 trucks per day. Other sources claim that far less aid is actually being allowed in. A few weeks ago, it seemed as if there might be tentative signs of progress towards peace, but our Aid, Not Arms campaign remains as relevant as ever: humanitarian aid is far too scarce and U.S. weapons are still fueling the genocide.

As we continue to press for *Aid, Not Arms*, November's advocacy will introduce a new piece of the aid campaign: the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN). Prior to October 7, and certainly today, there are no hospitals in Gaza that can perform advanced surgeries. Before the war, Palestinians needing this kind of advanced medical care could be evacuated to one of six hospitals in East Jerusalem. Since October 7, evacuations have been blocked. Today, 5,000 children are on the World Health Organization evacuation list. The EJHN has enjoyed bipartisan support from the U.S. Congress and has been supported by \$200 million in American funding.

Today, funding for the EJHN is not needed; simply pressure from the U.S. for Israel to allow evacuations to resume. This ask could be particularly resonant with Republican offices. **In November, Advocacy Teams will continue to support the Block the Bombs Act (H.R. 3565) in the House as well as Joint Resolutions of Disapproval (JRDs) in the Senate, while also calling for aid access and the reopening of the medical evacuation pathway to the EJHN.**

With about 6 weeks left before Congress breaks for the holidays, can each Advocacy Team schedule one more lobby visit with each of their members of Congress? Prioritize members that haven't heard from you in a few months while scheduling a drop by visit or email to a staffer for an office you recently met with. As you prepare for your upcoming lobby visits, see page 2 of this document for specific strategies tailored to members of Congress by party. **Let's build a surge of advocacy to close out the year and keep Gaza top of mind for members of Congress!**

Higer level action:

Host a postcard writing event using FCNL's "[*How can we feast while Gaza starves?*](#)" [*postcards*](#). Print copies on your home printer or at a local print shop. Gather your community to send dozens or hundreds of postcards to your U.S. House member.

Advice for lobbying Republican members of Congress

- Republican members of Congress remain reticent to make public statements that are at odds with the Trump administration and they are eager to appear in line with the administration. President Trump's 20-point peace plan (points 7 and 8) calls for [***600 trucks of humanitarian aid***](#) to enter the territory each day. Republican members of Congress can comfortably make statements calling for all parties to ensure that this amount of aid is allowed in, unobstructed. This allows them to support President Trump's peace plan and call on Israel to fulfill its obligations.
- Republicans can also call for the U.S. to pressure Israel into reopening the evacuation corridor to residents of Gaza who need advanced medical treatment from the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN). The EJHN has historically enjoyed bipartisan support in the U.S. and has received over \$200 million in U.S. government funding. Two of the hospitals are also run by Christians, which may be important to some members of Congress. Given that Gaza has no fully functioning hospitals, let alone any that can provide advanced care, this is a humanitarian imperative.
- Republicans can make public statements and also three calls in support of the EJHN: (1) to President Trump, (2) to Secretary Marco Rubio at the State Department, and (3) to Ambassador Mike Huckabee at the U.S. Embassy in Israel.

Advice for lobbying Democratic members of Congress

- There is significant and unprecedented momentum within the Democratic party to block the sale of offensive weapons to Israel. On July 30, a majority of the Democratic Senate caucus voted in favor of S.J. Res 34 and 41, Joint Resolutions of Disapproval (JRDs) blocking weapons sales to Israel. In the House, 56 Representatives have co-sponsored H.R. 3565, the Block the Bombs Act. In September alone, 15 members co-sponsored, at least 10 of which are in districts with FCNL Advocacy Teams. The goal is to continue to build support within the Democratic party for blocking the flow of U.S. weapons fueling the genocide.
- Democrats can be reminded that a majority of Democratic U.S. senators voted to block sales of offensive weapons to Israel and be urged to join the majority of their colleagues.
- For Democrats on the fence, it's important to stress that even though there is a fragile ceasefire, hundreds of Palestinians have been killed in airstrikes in the past month and less than half of the agreed upon humanitarian aid is being delivered. Thus, blocking weapons is needed now more than ever to pressure Israel into fully implementing the ceasefire and ending the war. Now is the best time for House members to co-sponsor the Block the Bombs Act and for senators to publicly commit to voting for the JRDs the next time there is a vote.

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