

# BLOCK THE BOMBS ACT AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS OF DISAPPROVAL

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**S.J. Res. 136 / S.J. Res. 137 / S.J. Res. 138 Sen. Bernie Sanders**

The U.S. government supplies Israel with billions of dollars in arms and military aid that are used in violation of U.S. and international law to carry out the genocide of Palestinians in the West Bank. Nurses firmly believe that every human being has the right to live a life free from terror, violence, and war.

## **Nurses vehemently condemn Israel's genocide against the Palestinian people**

- » Israel's collective punishment of millions of Palestinians and destruction of Gaza over two years constitute a crime against humanity. More than 72,000 Palestinians have been killed,<sup>1</sup> including nearly 20,000 children,<sup>2</sup> while 1.9 million have been displaced<sup>3</sup> and countless others have been severely injured and have lost their family members since October 2023.
- » The death toll includes many of our union siblings, including hundreds of health care workers,<sup>4</sup> media workers, engineers, and civil servants killed on the job.
- » These horrific losses also do not take into account the more than a century of oppression, including forcible dispossession of property, restricting travel, and more, inflicted upon the Palestinian people culminating into apartheid.
- » Nurses concur with the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, which found that **Israel has committed genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.**<sup>5</sup>
- » **Make no mistake: Israel continues to inflict deadly harm on Palestinians in Gaza despite a so-called ceasefire announced in October 2025.**<sup>6</sup>
- » The U.S. is prohibited by law, the Foreign Assistance Act, from sending weapons to nations that block humanitarian aid, as Israel continues to do in Gaza; however, Trump and Republican-led Congress have failed to enforce this law (like many others). **Congress must intervene immediately to put an end to the violence, starvation, and injustices being inflicted on the Palestinian people.**

## **The U.S. is financing Israel's genocide on the Palestinian people, while gutting health care, housing, food assistance and more for millions of Americans**

- » Since taking office, Trump sent Israel \$12.5 billion in weapons using our tax dollars — all while cutting funds for health care, food assistance, and other programs millions of Americans need.
- » Since established, Israel has been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign aid, receiving over \$300 billion (adjusted for inflation) in total economic and military assistance.<sup>7</sup> And today, nearly all U.S. aid goes to support Israel's military.<sup>8</sup>



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**The Block the Bombs Act** prevents the Trump administration from sending major weapons to Israel. Specifically, the bill withholds weapons like 2,000-pound bombs, 500-pound bombs, and tank ammunition, which Israel has used repeatedly in documented apparent war crimes.

**The Joint Resolutions of Disapproval** would block the Trump administration's attempt to bypass Congress and sell nearly \$658.8 million in offensive weapons to Israel, including 250-pound, 500-pound, and 1,000-pound bombs directly implicated in tens of thousands of civilian deaths in Gaza, Iran, and Lebanon.

Nurses firmly believe that we cannot be complicit in Israel's crimes against humanity. These bills take the necessary step of blocking this latest weapons transfer, but much more is needed to achieve justice for Palestine.

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