



# Action Alert

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**Urge Congress: Support peace, justice, and equality in Israel and Palestine**



Fifteen Christian organizations sent [a briefing paper](#) to all members of Congress and to the White House last month calling for U.S. policies that promote peace, justice, and equality for Israelis and Palestinians.

The paper states, “The principle of equality is foundational to true democracies as well as to international law. It is necessary if a sustainable future is to be found for both Palestinians and Israelis.” It goes on to emphasize, **“Regardless of the underlying political governance structures, equal rights and opportunities must be assured for all people in the region – not someday based on an idea of future negotiations, but as a fundamental human right today.”**

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Outlining evidence of deteriorating conditions in the region and examples of unequal systems that deprive Palestinians of basic rights, the organizations urge policymakers to “make clear their commitment to ensuring fundamental human rights by:

- Urging the Israeli government to immediately take action to secure an end to the occupation and all discriminatory policies resulting from the occupation, including home demolitions and inequitable distribution of land and water resources;
- Applying Leahy vetting processes and other mechanisms to all recipients of U.S. security assistance consistently;
- Upholding and protecting the rights and abilities of human rights organizations and defenders to do their work, and including them as part of delegation visits to hear their perspectives;
- Urging Israeli and Palestinian leaders to uphold the values of peace, justice, and equal rights for all peoples; and urging both to refrain from actions that lead to violence while encouraging efforts to work for peace, justice, and reconciliation;

- Protecting the rights of U.S. citizens seeking to carry out nonviolent economic protests to challenge unjust policies.”

[The paper](#) concludes, “We fervently pray for a just and peaceful resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to support policies that promote equality for all people in the region.”

**Add your prayers and voice to this important message. [Contact](#) your senators and representative today to let them know you support the kinds of congressional action outlined [here](#). Let your voice be heard in support of the call for peace, justice, and equality.**

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