



*"I DON'T WANT \$1 OF U.S. AID TO ISRAEL PAYING FOR THE MILITARY DETENTION AND ABUSE OF PALESTINIAN CHILDREN, THE DEMOLITION OF PALESTINIAN HOMES, OR THE ANNEXATION OF PALESTINIAN LAND."*  
**REP. BETTY McCOLLUM**



**H.R. 2590**  
**The Palestinian Children & Families Act**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 2590**

**Whereas** numerous international human-rights organizations (UNICEF, Defense of Children International-Palestine, Human Rights Watch, B'tselem, and even our State Department in 2016), have documented the ill-treatment, frequent arrest, and detention without due process, and in some cases torture of Palestinian children by the Israeli military system; and

**Whereas** every year, 500 to 700 Palestinian children as young as 12 years old are arrested, often taken from their beds in the middle of the night by Israeli soldiers and police. The Israeli military has detained at least 10,000 Palestinian children since 2000; and

**Whereas** Israel routinely destroys Palestinian homes in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, leaving thousands of Palestinians homeless. During the COVID-Pandemic in 2020 alone, Israel demolished or seized 851 Palestinian homes or property, forcing over 1,000 people from out of their homes; and

**Whereas** Israel annexes more and more Palestinian land and continues its expansion of settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem in violation of International law, stealing Palestinian land and water, devastating the Palestinian economy, and separating Palestinians from their loved ones; and

**Whereas** Israel is the single largest beneficiary of American military assistance, receiving \$3.8 billion, some 25 percent of Israel's defense budget from American taxpayers each year; and

**Whereas** far too many members of Congress have ignored or defended Israeli human rights abuses without any willingness to hold the Israeli government accountable; and

**Whereas** H.R. 2590 promotes human rights, provide desperately needed government accountability, and helps create conditions for a just and lasting peace for all Palestinians and Israelis; and

**Whereas** millions of Americans live without healthcare, and struggle to make ends meet, despite paying their fair share of taxes. Congress should invest in our healthcare, education, and the environment instead of funding Israel's oppression of the Palestinian people.

**Therefore**, the undersigned call on our Connecticut congressional representatives (John Larson, Joe Courtney, Rosa DeLauro, Jim Himes, and Jahana Hayes to join Representative Betty McCollum and several other Representatives in cosponsoring H.R. 2590.

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