

## Working Toward Peace: Israeli-Hamas Conflict

Senator Reverend Warnock believes the events of October 7<sup>th</sup> make clear that there are those who fear peace and seek to sabotage it at any cost. The Senator believes we must all recommit to a two-state solution that will preserve life, maintain peace, and allow both Israelis and Palestinians to live with peace, security, and dignity.

### Highlights of Senator Warnock's Leadership:

- In February 2024, Senator Warnock joined Senator Ossoff in [expressing](#) support to President Biden for his administration's efforts to secure a negotiated ceasefire that would also free the remaining hostages in Gaza and facilitate more humanitarian aid.
- Also in February, the Senator [voted](#) in favor of the National Security Supplemental that would provide over \$14 billion in security assistance for Israel's urgent and long-term security needs and over \$9.15 billion in funding for humanitarian assistance for populations in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as others suffering in conflict zones.
- The Senator supported amendments to the National Security Supplemental that [required](#) all defense articles or services that the United States transfers to other nations be used in accordance with U.S. and international law, while also establishing a reporting requirement for the President to certify that recipients of aid are complying with existing U.S. law and policy. Subsequently, President Biden [released](#) a National Security Memorandum aimed at ensuring all U.S. security assistance is used in line with international law, including international humanitarian law, that mirrored this legislative proposal.
- This month, the Senator supported a resolution calling for the urgent delivery of sufficient humanitarian aid to address the needs of civilians in Gaza. Relatedly, the Senator [urged](#) the State Department to improve measures to assist Americans and their family members who are trapped in Gaza.
- At the beginning of the year, the Senator [cosponsored](#) legislation to maintain the existing Congressional notification requirement for transferring military assistance to Israel, as well as [legislation](#) that would state that it is the U.S. policy to support a negotiated comprehensive solution to the Israeli-Hamas conflict that results in two states.
- In December 2023, the Senator cosponsored a bipartisan resolution condemning the use of sexual and gender-based violence by Hamas against the people of Israel.
- In November 2023, the Senator [urged](#) President Biden to provide an assessment of Israel's military operations to ensure they do not repeat the mistakes of the United States' War on Terror. It also asked the Administration to assess whether Israeli operations abide by international law; prioritize saving hostages; have a viable and achievable objective; and support a long-term vision for peace, security, and Palestinian self-determination in the form of a two-state solution. This letter also expressed concern about escalating settler violence in the West Bank and requested that President Biden urge the Israeli government to do more to stop the escalating settler violence.
- Also in November, the Senator [asked](#) the Biden Administration to designate the Palestinian territories for Temporary Protected Status or authorize Deferred Enforcement Departure to protect Palestinians in the United States, which led to President Biden announcing on February 14, 2024, that he would shield thousands of Palestinians in the United States from deportation for 18 months, allowing them to remain in the United States and work legally.
- In October and November, the Senator [supported](#) a bipartisan Senate resolution condemning Hamas, demanding that Hamas provide care for the hostages they have taken, and demanding Hamas release all hostages and another bipartisan resolution [expressing](#) solidarity with Israel in the wake of the unprovoked Hamas terrorist attack.
- In October 2023, the Senator [supported](#) Secretary Blinken's announcement that the U.S. would provide at least \$73 million in emergency international humanitarian assistance for the Palestinian people following the war in Gaza.
- In the days following the October 7<sup>th</sup> attack, the Senator [urged](#) the Treasury Department and the White House to investigate and halt the illicit usage of cryptocurrency by Hamas, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah for money laundering and financing of their operations.

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