



April 30, 2023

The Hon. _____
U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Alex Padilla
United States Senate
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Please support the human rights of Palestinian children

Dear Members of Congress,

As an Episcopalian and your constituent, I am writing to express concern about the treatment of Palestinian children and to advocate for their human rights. In 2018, the Episcopal Church's governing body passed a resolution aiming to safeguard the rights of Palestinian children. We support H.R. 3103, which would prohibit U.S. military aid from being used by foreign armed forces to support the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of children in violation of international humanitarian law.

The Israeli military prosecutes between 500 and 700 children each year in military courts that lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections. Organizations such as UNICEF, Human Rights Watch, and B'Tselem have found that ill-treatment of Palestinian children by Israeli forces is widespread, systematic, and institutionalized from the moment a child is detained in the Israeli military detention system. The United States Department of State and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child have also raised serious concerns about the mistreatment of Palestinian children in Israeli military custody.

Proper legislation in both the House and the Senate is a first step in protecting the rights of all children, including Palestinians, and I will appreciate your support for this bill today.

Thank you,
(Print Name) _____

Address _____
