

VSOs and MSOs URGE SOLIDARITY AND UNITY FOR ISRAEL

November 3, 2023

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
United States House of Representatives
2433 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Republican Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) and Military Service Organizations (MSOs) representing more than six million current and former uniformed service members, veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors urge you to stand with Israel and in support of humanitarian and military funding. The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. (JWV) is leading this effort to demonstrate solidarity and unity from the larger veteran and military community in the United States. Now more than ever, we must stand against terrorism and the atrocities committed by Hamas and with our brothers and sisters in the Israeli Defense Forces.

The October 7, 2023, terrorist attacks by Hamas, an Iranian proxy, were unprovoked and vicious, killing and maiming many Israeli civilian men, women, and children. Reports from the Middle East share barbaric atrocities including innocents being beheaded, whole families randomly being executed, women being raped, and people being kidnapped and held hostage for future trade-offs. Hamas, like ISIS, is a terrorist organization and terrorist activities are never justified. The United States must continue to fight for democracy and stand against terrorism wherever and whenever it occurs.

We believe that a strong national defense against terrorism is necessary to protect democracy. As such, the undersigned VSOs and MSOs urge you to stand with Israel and move swiftly to pass proposed emergency aid to Israel.

Thank you for all you do for service members and veterans, as leaders in Congress. We also commend your support for Israel at this critical time.

Sincerely,



COL Barry Lischinsky, USA, Ret.
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of the USA



Kenneth Greenberg
National Executive Director
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

List of signing organizations

American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society

American G.I. Forum

American Retirees Association

American's Warriors Partnership

Association of the United States Navy

Blinded Veterans Association

Blue Star Families

Fleet Reserve Association

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Korean War Veterans Association

Marine Corps League

Marine Corps Reserve Association

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Military Order of the World Wars

Military-Veterans Advocacy

National Defense Committee

Non Commissioned Officers Association

Operation First Response

Sea Service Family, Foundation

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Vets4Vet Leadership

Wounded Paw Project