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HAWAII WORKERS CENTER CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASFIRE IN GAZA

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The Hawai'i Workers Center joins with many unions, workers, and human rights organizations across the country and internationally in calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and the protection of Palestinian rights. At this point after weeks of heavy bombing, over 16,000 civilians have been killed in Gaza, many of them children. Thousands more have been injured and many thousands more buried in the rubble. There is no safe place from the bombing by the Israeli government.

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A permanent ceasefire would halt the daily death toll and provide an opening for a negotiated peace settlement. It could also free more hostages and bring about the release of over 6,000 Palestinians in Israeli military prisons, many held without charges.

The brutal seizure and occupation of Palestinian lands since 1948 and the expansion of Israeli settlements, in violation of international law, have eroded Palestinian lands and helped bring about groups like Hamas determined to resist Israel's illegal expansion and end its existence.

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We affirm that Jewish people everywhere deserve a world where they can live safely, joyfully, and without the constant threat of hate and violence. The October 7th attack and slayings of over a thousand Israeli civilians by Hamas were despicable war crimes. But the Israeli government's retaliatory response of massive bombardment of Gaza, supported and funded by the U.S. government, has been even more murderous and criminal.

It is not in the interest of working people in this country to support the slaughter in Gaza by our government's sending bombs, weapons, and artillery shells to Israel. Over \$3 billion of our hard-earned tax dollars go each year to supplying Israel's military. Those monies could be better used to provide housing, jobs, healthcare, and schools, and address the challenges of climate change.

Workers' interests include not only winning higher pay and better living and working conditions but also securing a more safe and peaceful world so all can prosper and fewer die from disasters and war.

There is also a clear danger that Israel's invasion and incessant bombing campaign in Gaza could lead to a much wider conflict in the Middle East, a conflict which could involve more countries and cause even more death and destruction.

An immediate and permanent ceasefire is crucial now, and our elected officials at local, state, and national levels should advocate for a permanent ceasefire and work to make it happen!

In Peace and Solidarity with the People of Gaza,

The Hawai'i Workers Center Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Staff

