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I am writing with deep concern regarding the escalating violence in the occupied Palestinian territories, including the West Bank and especially Gaza.

The actions of the Israeli government are resulting in catastrophic civilian casualties. The livestream footage of children being targeted is especially alarming. As a member of the US military who has pledged an oath to protect the country and fight for freedom, I cannot stand by and support what is happening in the occupied Palestinian territories.

This type of action against civilians is not in line with our stated values in the United States Military. Only by protecting democracy, human rights, and self-determination for all Palestinians and Israelis can we achieve a lasting peace.

International laws have been broken by Israel in this war in response to the October 7<sup>th</sup> horrendous attack by Hamas, including the most recent attack on an embassy in Syria. This level of engagement is putting my military brothers and sisters in harm in the Middle East by those who seek to try and stop Israel from continuing the slaughter of children in Gaza.

The United States of America needs to support the United Nations binding resolution for an immediate ceasefire on the conditions that are fair for both Palestinians and Israelis.

The United States of America should not send any more money or aid for weapons to Israel as we will be complicit in the genocide of the Palestinian people in Gaza.

Sincerely,

[Name/Rank/Unit/Branch]