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Senator Elissa Slotkin
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Dear Senator Slotkin and Senator Peters,

We, the undersigned elected officials from across the state of Michigan, write to urge Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin to vote YES on Senator Bernie Sanders's Joint Resolutions of Disapproval to block the sale of $151.8 million in 1,000-pound bombs and $295 million in D9 Caterpillar bulldozers to the Israeli government.

The Trump administration has moved to bypass Congress entirely, invoking emergency authority to push through the sale of thousands of bombs to Israel in the middle of an illegal, unconstitutional war with Iran. This is an affront to Congressional authority and a betrayal of the American people. These bombs have been directly implicated in the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians in Gaza, Lebanon, and Iran. Israel has also used bulldozers to demolish homes, contributing to the forcible displacement of more than 3 million people in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon.

Senator Sanders' resolutions represent one of the clearest and most direct tools available to Congress to reassert its authority. The Foreign Assistance Act is clear: arms transfers must be consistent with internationally recognized human rights standards and must advance U.S. foreign policy interests. These sales fail that test, and American taxpayers should not be funding this destruction.

This war costs a billion dollars a day. Every day that it continues is a day we are choosing bombs over the basic needs of working families. The people we represent are not asking for much. They want to be able to afford a home, take their child to the doctor, and send their kids to a good school. Those things are not radical. They are the bare minimum. And we cannot keep pretending there is no money for them while we write endless checks for foreign wars that make us less safe and solve nothing.

Michigan is home to one of the largest Arab American communities in the nation. Our constituents are watching, and they are demanding that their elected representatives act with moral clarity. Senators Peters and Slotkin took an important first step by voting for the War Powers Resolution to end Trump's illegal war with Iran. A yes vote on these resolutions is the logical next step, one that reinforces their commitment to peace, reasserts the authority of Congress, and demonstrates to Michigan residents that they are serious about justice.

We call on Senators Peters and Slotkin to vote YES on Senator Sanders's Joint Resolutions of Disapproval. Block these sales. Reassert congressional authority. End this war.

Sincerely,

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