

Hello David,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm sorry to hear we missed Rebecca's correspondence.

I have been witnessing the conflict in Israel and Gaza with great sadness and a deep frustration. It's devastating to watch as civilians are being targeted in their attempt to access their most basic needs. Generations of Israelis and Palestinians have only ever known their home to be a place of war and conflict, and so I find it easy, like many others, to feel hopeless and discouraged about the situation.

However, I've been encouraged in my discussions in the Liberal caucus to see a deep concern for the suffering of civilians in Palestine. As your MP, and alongside my colleagues, I had been advocating in the caucus for the recognition of the State of Palestine, knowing that it's a key diplomatic measure to secure a potential two state solution. Therefore, I'm pleased to see the Prime Minister's announcement at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly that the Government of Canada recognized the State of Palestine.

A negotiated ceasefire is long overdue – civilians are suffering inhumanely. Israel's targeted attacks on civilian aid distribution sites are unacceptable, and civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories are dying of starvation in large numbers. I strongly condemn Israel's control of aid distribution and their failure to make critical aid supplies safely accessible to civilians. It's my priority to advocate for unencumbered access to humanitarian aid for those who need it most, and I laud the Canadian Government's recent diplomatic efforts to establish safe aid channels through the Jordanian corridor.

Alongside calls for humanitarian aid, I urgently call for the return of the remaining hostages held in unjust captivity by Hamas. The attacks on October 7th were an act of brutal violence and must also be condemned by the international community. These terrible conflicts must come to an end.

Alongside the recognition of the State of Palestine, here is how the Canadian government has responded to these injustices:

1. Over the past couple of days, Minister Anand announced that Canada will provide an additional \$30 million to help address the humanitarian needs of Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. She also announced an increase of \$10 million to Canada's previous commitment to support the Palestinian Authority. The Minister further emphasized that Canada is ready to support early recovery efforts, when conditions allow, through \$20 million in funding to the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) to help resume basic health services. We have allocated, in total, \$355 million in international assistance funding to address urgent needs stemming from the crisis in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and Israel since 2023.
2. Under the *Special Economic Measures (Extremist Settler Violence) Regulations*, the Canadian government has recently sanctioned Israeli cabinet

ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich in June of 2025 for their role in facilitating the significant expansion of settlements and outposts in the West Bank.

3. The Canadian government has secured funding for the United Nations Office for Project Support to implement UN Security Council Resolution 2720 to coordinate safe aid distribution in Gaza.

Again, I'm sad to hear we missed Rebecca's correspondence. We, too, have been meeting with Palestine activist groups (namely: Fredericton Palestine Solidarity) and have been trying to listen to the concerns of constituents.

Thank you for reaching out --
David Myles, MP & Team