



### **Sample Emails and Phone Script: Annexation**

Below are sample emails and script you can use to reach out to your Congressional members regarding annexation. It is important to personalize these messages, so we encourage you to edit the language below to make connections to your state and district, when possible, and to also share briefly why this issue is important to you. If you have the contact information of a staff person who advises the member on foreign policy, you should reach out to them directly. If you do not, you can go to the website of your members and fill out the “contact” form. We would also recommend that you try to schedule a phone or virtual meeting with your Congressional offices. CMEP is willing to help in that process. Please email [info@cmepe.org](mailto:info@cmepe.org) if you are interested.

#### Sample letter 1

As a constituent and person of faith, I am asking you to take a strong and clear stand against the annexation of the West Bank. On April 22, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the decision to annex the West Bank was Israel’s alone. Annexation would have a devastating impact on the possibility of a peaceful and just solution to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. It would further the disenfranchisement of the Palestinians and cut off the chance of a state of their own.

Annexation is in direct violation of international law and conventions. Instead of supporting annexation, Congress must work to encourage a resolution of the conflict that will result in the realization of equality and human rights for all in Israel-Palestine. Should Israel proceed with annexing parts of the West Bank, Congress must move quickly to ensure it will not provide any support for Israel’s action.

During COVID-19 Palestinians should not need to worry about the confiscation of their land. Please do everything in your power to ensure U.S. policy will not support the annexation of Palestinian land.

## Sample letter 2

Dear Sen. x /Rep. x

I am writing as a constituent and person of faith to convey my strong opposition to the impending annexation of parts of the West Bank by the government of Israel. Prime Minister Netanyahu has indicated he will begin formal annexation as early as July 1. Annexation would have a devastating impact on the possibility of a peaceful and just solution to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. I believe strongly in the human rights and equality of all in Israel-Palestine and fear annexation will only cause further conflict. On June 2, 27 U.S. Church leaders sent a [letter](#) to all members asking Congress to "wield its power of the purse and not allow any United States funds provided to Israel to be used for the recognition, facilitation or support of annexation." As a constituent, I affirm this important letter and ask you to take a clear stand against annexation today.

## Phone Script

Hello, my name is (insert name), and I am a constituent in the district/state. I live at (share address or Zip code, this is helpful information for them to know for their monitoring purposes)

I am calling today to urge (Congress Member Name) to take a strong and clear stand against the annexation of the West Bank. Annexation would have a devastating impact on the possibility of a peaceful and just solution to the conflict in Israel-Palestine. Annexation directly violates international law and conventions. Instead of supporting annexation, I am urging (Congress Member Name) to encourage a resolution of the conflict that will result in equality and human rights for all in Israel-Palestine, and to do everything in (his/her) power to ensure U.S. policy will not support the annexation of Palestinian land.

I would appreciate it if (Congress Member Name) got back to me on this important issue. My phone number is (Insert Phone Number). Thank you for your time.



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