



Sample Emails and Phone Script: HR 2407

Below are sample emails and script you can use to reach out to your Congressional members regarding HR 2407 the “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act.” Remember, this legislation has only been introduced in the House. You can ask your Senators to consider introducing similar legislation in the Senate. If your Representative is already a cosponsor, we would advise you reach out to them with the ask related to opposing annexation and thank them for their support of HR 2407.

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@cmeep.org if you are interested.

Sample Letter 1:

**** To use if your Representative has not co-sponsored HR 2407**

Dear Rep. X,

As a constituent and a person of faith, believing in the dignity of human life, I am writing to you to express my concern for the ill-treatment of Palestinian children by the Israeli military and to urge you to cosponsor H.R. 2407, The “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Occupation Act.”

In order for the U.S. to play a constructive role in bringing about a comprehensive and sustainable end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we must ensure we are not supporting the continued trauma inflicted on Palestinian youth entangled in the Israeli military

detention system. Amending the Leahy Law to prohibit U.S. foreign aid from funding “the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of children in violation of international humanitarian law” is a vital step to protecting the human rights of all children around the globe.

Children in detention are particularly vulnerable to contracting communicable diseases. In light of COVID-19, UN officials have called for the immediate release of all children in detention, including Palestinian children.

As Americans, we have a moral obligation to ensure that U.S. financial assistance to any country is not used to harm even one child, particularly during a global pandemic. I urge you to protect Palestinian children from harm by supporting H.R. 2407.

Sincerely,
(Name)

Sample Letter 2:

***** To use if your Representative has not cosponsored HR 2407**

Dear Sen. X/Rep. X,

I am writing as a constituent and person of faith to convey my strong support for H.R. 2407, The “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Occupation Act.”

All children, regardless of whether they are guilty or innocent, deserve to be treated by criminal justice systems in a manner which takes into account the unique needs of persons of their age. The U.S. should expect nothing less from its allies, including Israel.

Please join Rep. McCollum, Rep. Pingree, Rep. Beyer, Rep. Lee, Rep. Norton, Rep. Carson, Rep. Henry Johnson, Rep. Rush, Rep. Eddie Johnson, Rep. Clarke, Rep. Tlaib, Rep. Pocan, Rep. Jayapal, Rep. Omar, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Davis, Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, Rep. Pressley, Rep. Evans, Rep. Watson-Coleman, Rep. Bass, Rep. Grijalva, Rep. DeSaulnier, and Rep. Waters, in cosponsoring H.R. 2407

H.R. 2407 amends the “Leahy Law” (Sec. 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961) to prohibit funds appropriated for U.S. foreign aid from supporting the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of children in violation of international humanitarian law.

Additionally, H.R. 2407 authorizes the appropriation of \$19 million to fund approved NGOs in Israel/Palestine that monitor and document the mistreatment of Palestinian children in military detention, as well as healthcare providers that treat physical and mental health conditions associated with rehabilitating victims of military detention. These protections will help to ensure that U.S. foreign aid to Israel is not supporting the continued trauma inflicted on Palestinian youth entangled in the Israeli military detention system.

Please do everything in your power to take a clear stand against the inhumane detention of minors, and to promote the basic human rights of Palestinian children today.

Sincerely,
(Name)

Sample letter for Senate

Dear Sen. X,

As a constituent and a person of faith, believing in the dignity of human life, I am writing to you to express my concern for the ill-treatment of Palestinian children by the Israeli military and urge you to introduce legislation in the Senate that is similar to H.R. 2407, The “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Occupation Act.”

In order for the U.S. to play a constructive role in bringing about a comprehensive and sustainable end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we must ensure we are not supporting the continued trauma inflicted on Palestinian youth entangled in the Israeli military detention system. H.R. 2407 amends the “Leahy Law” (Sec. 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961) to prohibit U.S. foreign aid from funding “the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of children in violation of international humanitarian law.” This act is a vital step to protecting the human rights of all children around the globe.

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As Americans, we have a moral obligation to ensure that U.S. financial assistance to any country is not used to harm even one child, particularly during a global pandemic.

As this is currently only introduced in the House, I ask you to protect Palestinian children from harm by introducing legislation similar to H.R. 2407 in the Senate.

Sincerely,
(Name)

Phone Script

For House member if they have not co-sponsored HR 2407

Hello, my name is (insert name), and I am a constituent in the district. 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 express my concern for the ill-treatment of Palestinian children by the Israeli military, and to ask (Congress Member) to cosponsor H.R. 2407, The “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Occupation Act.”

This act would prohibit U.S. foreign aid from funding “the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children, as well as children anywhere, in violation of international humanitarian law,” and is a vital step to protecting the human rights of all children around the globe. I urge (Congress Member) to join Rep. McCollum and twenty three other Representatives in cosponsoring this bill.

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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.

Sample Phone Script for the Senate

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

I am calling today to express my concern for the ill-treatment of Palestinian children by the Israeli military, and to ask (Senator) to introduce similar legislation in the Senate to H.R. 2407, The “Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living under Israeli Occupation Act.”

This act would prohibit U.S. foreign aid from funding “the military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children, as well as children anywhere, in violation of international humanitarian law,” and is a vital step to protecting the human rights of all children around the globe.

Children in detention are particularly vulnerable to contracting communicable diseases. In light of COVID-19, UN officials have called for the immediate release of all children in detention, including Palestinian children.

As this is currently only introduced in the House, I’d like (Senator Name) to consider introducing similar legislation in the Senate.

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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