

U.S. Tax Dollars Must Not Be Used To Detain Palestinian Children

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. H.R. 2407, the **Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Military Occupation Act**, 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.

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

Please Cosponsor H.R. 2407: Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act

- On average, [500-700](#) Palestinian [children](#) are detained annually.
- [74%](#) are not read their legal rights.
- [73%](#) report experiencing physical violence while in custody.
- [96%](#) do not have a lawyer or parent present at the time of their interrogation
- [194](#) Palestinian children were detained in Israeli prisons and detention centers by the end of March 2020
- In [May 2020](#), UNICEF called for Israeli authorities to immediately release all Palestinian children in detention in light of COVID-19

In addition, 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.



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