

Middle East Network Newsletter - **Action Alert**

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Give Hope to Gaza: [Contact Your Representative](#) Today!

Ask your member of Congress to sign the [Gaza letter](#) now circulating in the House of Representatives – the deadline for signatures has been extended until January 15.

Even if you called before the holidays (thank you!), check back now with your representative to offer a reminder.

Ask your representative to sign the [McDermott/Ellison letter](#) to President Obama calling for opening the Gaza borders to aid, commerce, and transit.

One year after the Gaza war, Palestinians in Gaza still lack clean water. Homes, schools, and hospitals remain in rubble because basic building materials are not allowed in. Food, fuel, medicine, and sanitation supplies are limited and sporadic. Commerce is at a stand-still, and residents are restricted when traveling in and out of Gaza.

[Contact your member of Congress](#) and explain that you care about the suffering in Gaza. Emphasize that this is not a partisan issue — we hope that Republicans and Democrats alike see both security and humanitarian benefits for having traffic and trade take place through a monitored (above ground) border. Ask your representative to act NOW by signing [this important and timely letter](#).

For more on conditions in Gaza, see the report, "[Failing Gaza: No rebuilding, no recovery, no more excuses.](#)"



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