

## **Resolution censuring Senator Maria Cantwell, commending Senator Patty Murray, and demanding both senators take concrete action for Palestinian liberation**

**WHEREAS**, many experts, including Israeli human rights organizations, academics, and politicians, have concluded that Israel is committing genocide and/or war crimes against the Palestinian people and practicing apartheid;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is wanted by the International Criminal Court to answer to charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity, including the use of starvation as a method of warfare;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, Washington Democrats overwhelmingly passed resolutions at our convention to halt military support for Israel and restore humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the Washington State Democratic Central Committee passed a resolution with strong support condemning Israel's siege on Gaza and calling for the re-funding of UNRWA;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 2025, Senator Maria Cantwell, along with a bipartisan group of US senators, welcomed and posed for a picture with Netanyahu, but Senator Patty Murray did not;<sup>4</sup>

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2025, Sen. Cantwell voted to continue arming Israel with weapons, breaking with a majority of Democrats in the US Senate (27-17 and 24-20), while Senator Murray sided with the majority of Senate Democrats by voting against continuing to arm Israel with weapons;<sup>5</sup>

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby censures Senator Maria Cantwell for voting to continue sending weapons to Israel while it is carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people, despite the overwhelming support for a ceasefire and arms embargo throughout the Democratic Party statewide, and for welcoming and posing for a picture with Benjamin Netanyahu;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby commends Senator Patty Murray for voting to stop sending weapons to Israel while it is carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people;

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., [Our Genocide](#), B'Tselem, July 2025; Omer Bartov, [I'm a Genocide Scholar. I know It When I See It.](#), New York Times, 15 July 2025; Ehud Olmert, [Enough is Enough. Israel is Committing War Crimes](#), Haaretz, 27 May 2025; [World Court Finds Israel Responsible for Apartheid](#), Human Rights Watch, 19 July 2024; [Israel's apartheid against Palestinians](#), Amnesty International, 1 February 2022; [The Israeli Occupation of the West Bank and the Crime of Apartheid: Legal Opinion](#), Yesh Din, June 2020.

<sup>2</sup> [Arrest Warrant](#), International Criminal Court, 21 November 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Jerry Cornfield, [Washington Democratic Party backs ending U.S. aid to Israel until ceasefire with Hamas](#), Washington State Standard, 24 June 2024; Ceasefire Democrats, [Washington State Democratic Party's CEASEFIRE resolution passed on January 28, 2024.](#)

<sup>4</sup> Prem Thakker, [14 Senators Posed with Netanyahu – But Said Nothing When a Palestinian-American Was Killed by Israeli Settlers](#), Zeteo, 15 July 2025.

<sup>5</sup> Roll Call Vote 119th Congress - 1st Session, [S.J.Res. 41](#) and [S.J.Res. 34](#).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee hereby demands that Senator Cantwell and Senator Murray take concrete actions against the ongoing Israeli genocide and come out in full support of the liberation of the Palestinian people, an end to the apartheid regime, and the recognition of a Palestinian state;

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