

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 6, 2025

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary
Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

On October 1st and 2nd, the Global Sumud Flotilla carrying over 450 participants from more than 40 countries - including nearly two dozen U.S. citizens - was intercepted by the Israeli military. Twenty-one U.S. citizens remain in Israeli detention, including three individuals who reside in our state of California. We call on you to immediately do everything in your power to ensure the release of these U.S. citizens and to ensure their fair and safe treatment.

Among the U.S. citizens currently being detained is California resident, David Adler. David is the co-General Coordinator of Progressive International and a Jewish American. Additionally, Tommy Marcus who resides in California, Geraldine Ramirez of Cathedral City, and Logan Hollarsmith from San Francisco remain in custody. Like the other participants in the Global Sumud Flotilla, David, Tommy, Geraldine, and Logan joined in this non-violent mission to deliver desperately needed humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

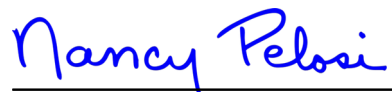
The humanitarian situation is growing more dire by the day. 100% of the population, 1.98 million people, are currently food insecure. 92% of all housing units are either damaged or destroyed. 1.5 million people are in need of emergency shelter items. 49% of the population does not have access to a minimum standard of drinking water per day. We call for humanitarian aid to be sent to the people of Gaza.

The U.S. has an obligation to protect its citizens abroad and must act immediately. We understand most of the flotilla was in international waters when it was boarded, reportedly still seventy nautical miles from shore. We call on you to work for the immediate and safe release, including arranging the logistics of a plane to ensure their speedy recovery, of U.S. citizens who were on the flotilla and are still being held in Israeli prisons, including California residents.

Sincerely,



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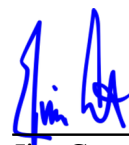
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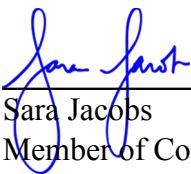
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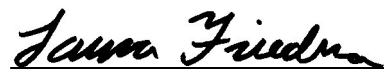


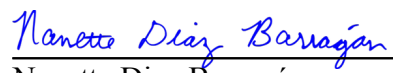
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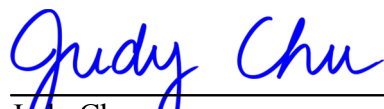


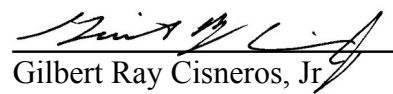
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