

Letter to Senator Ed Markey and Senator Elizabeth Warren from members of the Massachusetts Jewish Community:

November 27, 2024

Dear Sens. Markey and Warren:

As your constituents, we are deeply disappointed by your support of Sen. Sanders' efforts to block weapons transfers to Israel.

Israel, our most important and only democratic ally in the Middle East, is fighting for its survival on seven fronts. Voting to stop arms shipments at this moment stands in sharp contrast to the Biden administration's pro-Israel policies and the Democratic Party's commitment to Israel's security.

Siding with Sen. Sanders emboldens Iran and its proxies and does nothing to return Israel's displaced persons from the north and the south. Blocking the weapons does not secure the release of the hostages, nor protect innocent Israeli or Palestinian lives. Instead, it provides cover for those who seek to harm Jews around the world and further fuels the increase in antisemitism that has been surging in our communities and on college campuses.

We all want this war to end and grieve the terrible loss of life. Israel did not ask for this war, but now must fight to protect its families. Limiting Israel's ability to defeat enemies that seek its destruction will prevent that from happening.

The U.S. has been a steadfast supporter of Israel from the moment it was founded in 1948. Now is not the time to retreat from that commitment.

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- AIPAC
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- Beit Sasson – Sephardic Congregation of Newton
- B'nai B'rith Worcester
- Bnai Jacob Synagogue
- Brandeis Israel Public Affairs Committee
- Boston University Students for Israel
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- Chabad at Chestnut Hill
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- Hadassah Northeast
- Hillel Council of New England
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- Israeli American Council
- Jewish Community Center of the North Shore
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston
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- Maimonides School
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