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President Joe Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Israel's duties as occupying power in Gaza

Dear Mr. President:

The legal accountability of the United States for aiding and abetting Israel's industrial-scale war crimes in Gaza with genocide sitting at the summit should not obscure other manifestations of your contempt for international humanitarian law.

By any yardstick, Israel is an occupying power in Gaza. Its overwhelming military force is on grizzly display every hour. It controls Gaza's borders with a self-declared siege blocking crucial humanitarian aid. An occupying power under the Geneva Conventions must administer the territory it controls for the benefit of the local population without compromising the security of the occupying forces.

Israel, with the diplomatic, military, and financial support of the United States is notoriously ravaging Gaza in destroying the local population: no food, no water, no electricity, no power, no hospitals, no medicine, no shelter, a cruel trickle of United Nations humanitarian aid.

You are vigorously aiding and abetting Israel's flouting of its international duties as an occupying power in Gaza by continuing adamantly to refuse to condition United States assistance on compliance with international and US statutory laws. (See attached column titled, <u>Biden & Blinken – Rule of Illegal Power Over Rule of Law</u>. February 16, 2024).

Whether you pay a price at the polls in November, history will not forget your callous dereliction of legal and moral duty.

Sincerely,

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