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President Joe Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Re: The nightmare of childbirth fueled by the Israel government's post-October 7 war in Gaza fortified with American weapons, intelligence, and diplomacy at the United Nations Security Council.

Dear Mr. President:

You were probably too preoccupied with seeking reelection to peruse the ghastly stories of childbirth during the post-October 7 Israel war in Gaza, reported in *The Washington Post*, "War in Gaza is making childbirth a nightmare," (January 21, 2024). Let us bring a sample to your attention in hopes of awakening your humanity from slumber. The childbirth nightmare is significantly the handiwork of the United States in unconditionally supplying Israel with weapons, intelligence, and diplomatic support for its merciless war against 2.3 million defenseless Palestinians.

The Post relates: "The humanitarian catastrophe caused by Israel's three-month military campaign against Hamas in Gaza counts some 52,000 pregnant victims among its greatest victims...[D]isease is spreading, famine is looming, and levels of anemia are so high that the risk of postpartum hemorrhage has soared, and breastfeeding is often impossible. Forty percent of pregnancies are high-risk, CARE international estimates."

The reporting continues: "Nearly 20,000 babies were born in Gaza during the first 105 days of the war, UNICEF reported Friday. Delays in the delivery of lifesaving supplies, the U.N. children's agency said, have left some hospitals performing Caesarean sections without anesthetic. Spokeswoman Tess Ingram said she met a nurse at Gaza's Emirati maternity hospital who had helped with postmortem caesarians on six dead women."


The suffering of mothers and newborns is ghastly. Eyes instinctively turn away from the story in anticipation of experiencing vicarious pain. This is not military self-defense by any stretch of the imagination.

You have fortified the IDF's capability of perpetrating such war crimes by massive weapons transfers, intelligence sharing, and diplomatic support of Israel in the United Nations Security Council. You are aiding and abetting the killing and maiming of Palestinian mothers and babies in Gaza. If there are better ways of exhibiting a heart of stone, they do not readily come to mind.

You have verbally pleaded with the Israeli government to lessen its destruction of civilians and civilian property in Gaza. But you retreat when Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu snaps back. You have made the United States a satellite of Israel—at least over actions in Gaza.

We are writing not with the expectation of awakening moral or legal scruples over the Israeli government's genocide of 2.3 Gaza Palestinians, as preliminarily found, by the International Court of Justice. We are writing as citizens protesting what our government is doing under the banner of the United States. Silence is not an option. Injustice must be opposed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Fein".

Bruce Fein Esq.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Nader".

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