

## IMAN NETWORK

Statewide Muslim Crisis Working Group

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## Mosque & Member Organizations

### Statewide Organizations:

- American Muslim Educator Network
- CAIR Maryland
- ICNA Council for Social Justice
- ICNA Relief
- Islamic Leadership Institute of America
- Justice For All
- Muslim American Society MD/Noor Ctr.
- Muslim Voices Coalition
- United Maryland Muslim Council

### Anne Arundel County:

- Islamic Society of Annapolis

### Baltimore City:

- BAM Baltimore Area Muslims
- Beats Rhymes & Relief

### Baltimore County:

- Islamic Center of Owings Mills
- Islamic Society of Baltimore
- Masjid Fatima

### Frederick County:

- Frederick County Muslim Council
- Islamic Society of Frederick

### Harford County:

- Harford Islamic Center
- Masjid Al Falaah

### Howard County:

- Dar Al Taqwa
- Howard County Muslim Council

### Montgomery County:

- IMAAM Center
- Islamic Center of Maryland
- Islamic Society of Washington Area
- Montgomery Co. Muslim Council

### Prince Georges' County:

- Dar Us Salaam
- Diyanet Center of America
- Prince Georges' Co. Muslim Council



## LEGISLATIVE FACT SHEET: House Joint Resolution 0002 Supporting a Long-Term Ceasefire in Israel and Palestine

### POSITION: Support

*Lead Sponsor: Delegate Gabriel Acevero*

*Cosponsors: Delegates Ashanti Martinez, Caylin Young, Tiffany Alston, Kent Robertson, Diana Fennell, Veronica Turner, Sheree Sample Hughes*

**Overview:** HJ0002 advocates for our government to use its diplomatic power to secure an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, reflecting a consensus for peace and protecting innocent lives.

**Maryland's Role:** This joint resolution presents an opportunity for state leaders to acknowledge their constituents' concerns and promote peace and diplomacy by leveraging bipartisan support and community engagement to influence national and international policy for ceasefire and humanitarian aid.

### Key Points:

1. **Humanitarian Crisis:** The conflict has led to significant civilian casualties and suffering, with dire conditions in Gaza including shortages of food, water, and medical supplies. Immediate intervention is necessary to alleviate human suffering and prevent further casualties.

2. **Support for Ceasefire:** There is widespread support, both domestically and internationally, for an immediate ceasefire. Nearly 70 percent of Americans support a permanent and immediate ceasefire. Maryland can play a pivotal role in advocating for peace and the well-being of all affected populations.

3. **Local Impact:** Hundreds of Marylanders from Gaza have family members and loved ones who were civilians killed in Gaza in Israel's ongoing military campaign with the financial and moral support of the U.S. government.

3. **Combating Bigotry:** The resolution addresses the rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Palestinian/anti-Arab sentiment, advocating for peace and tolerance in Maryland and beyond.

4. **Urgent Call to Action:** Maryland's General Assembly calls on the state's Congressional Delegation to support an immediate ceasefire, the safe return of all hostages, and the delivery of humanitarian aid to Palestinians.

### Conclusion:

IMAN Network requests Committee Chair Anne Healey to bring this joint resolution forward for a vote, and urges all Maryland lawmakers to support HJ0002 to advocate for peace, humanitarian aid, and the protection of innocent lives, and an end to violence in Israel and Palestine, promoting a safer, more just world.