



## KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

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*Action for Justice*

Dear President Biden,

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth is an organization of 13,000 members from Kentucky and also a member of the State Power Caucus. Our work is almost entirely focused on state-level civic engagement and legislation in Kentucky.

In recognizing Kentucky's shared racist colonial history and actively working to recognize and abolish colonized frameworks, we are horrified by the violence in Israel and Palestine as well as recent Israeli actions in Gaza that put up to 2 million Palestinian lives at risk. \*We must condemn the violence and oppression carried out by all involved, recognizing that these recent escalations, instigated by Hamas, carry heavy consequences, especially for the Palestinian people. We condemn the acts of violence carried out by Hamas and the Israeli state, understanding that violence, regardless of the perpetrator, perpetuates suffering and hinders the path to peace, justice, and unity. We also understand the Palestinian struggle against colonialism, and condemn the Israeli government's decades long forced occupation and displacement of Palestinian people.

We support a resolution proposed by Representative Bush (and many others), "... urging the Biden Administration to call for an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, to send humanitarian aid and assistance to Gaza, and to save as many lives as possible."

Sincerely,  
*Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC)*  
Local State Power Caucus affiliate

*\*wording leveraged from UPROSE's statement: <https://twitter.com/UPROSE>, a Puerto Rican founded organization, which captured this in a way we struggled to articulate*