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I am in Full-Support of this Senate Concurrent Resolution by Standing Behind and Supporting The State/Nation of Israel on many fronts, by stamping out Hatred, Mean-Acts, Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia. This a Great Resolution and Missouri MUST Stand behind our Allie, both Economically with Trade and Residents. Let's Get this Concurrent Resolution onto the Governor's Desk As-Soon-As-Possible!



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My name is Rabbi Ze'ev Smason. I serve as chairman of the Coalition for Jewish Values, Missouri, as well as the Midwest regional vice president of the Coalition for Jewish Values, a national organization. My testimony today is in enthusiastic support Of SCR24.Sponsored by Senator Coleman. This resolution is important.pparticularly at this time of rampant anti-Semitism on American University campuses. This resolution also sends a message affirming the long standing close relationship between the great state of Missouri and Israel. Additionally,.SCR 24.expresses support for Israel's current existential battle against.Hamas and the evil forces that seek its destruction. Now more than ever, a statement by the Senate and the legislature will be.supportive not only to the Jewish residents of Missouri, but send a powerful message to all residents of Missouri that we support the State of Israel.and the values upon which.the state of Missouri was founded. Supporting Israel is support of American values -- the values upon which this country.In the state of Missouri was founded upon.



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This is completely unhinged. As a Missourian and an American I refuse to pledge loyalty to a foreign government. Coleman should be investigated. True patriots do not put another country before or own.



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Israel is an apartheid state committing genocide with the full cooperation of President Biden and our government. Aipac has bought our politicians and they are enabling this horrible genocide of the beautiful brave and strong Palestinian people, who have been oppressed for over 70 years. This is a disgrace and will be a permanent stain and shame on this country I, our leaders and President forever. Shame on anyone who supports this genocide. This will be your legacy



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It is a disgrace for the State of Missouri to claim unequivocal support for a genocidal entity. History will not forgive us for this grave error in the quest for a humanity that is empathetic to all those who face suffering.



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Israel is committing war crimes on innocent civilians. By bombing Red Crescent workers, restricting the entry of aid trucks, and continually attacking hospitals, homes, and displaced civilian settlements while providing tenuous proof at best of any Hamas involvement in those areas, Israel has proven that they do not care for anything but ethnic cleansing of all Palestinians so that Israel may make a colonial land grab. I do not want my tax dollars or my representatives to give any support to Israel. Missouri needs to demand a permanent ceasefire immediately.



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I oppose Senate Concurrent Resolution 24. I am a Jew. I was raised Jewish in St. Louis and confirmed from B'nai El religious school. I read the Torah when I was 13 and completed my bar mitzvah on Masada, in Israel. I vehemently oppose this statement that is now proposed to be issued in my name as a Missourian. Right now Israel is engaged in a campaign of mass murder and destruction against the people of Gaza. Numerous genocide scholars call it genocide. The International Court of Justice has ruled that it is plausible that Israel is engaged in genocide and it has ordered Israel to stop killing people in Gaza. A federal court in California has ruled that Israel's military campaign in Gaza "plausibly" amounts to genocide. The racist system that Israel has in place to govern all the land in its control (Israel pre-1967, the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights) can be accurately labeled Apartheid. This is according to Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, the most venerable human rights organizations on earth, as well as the Israeli human rights organization B'Tselem. It is abhorrent for the State of Missouri to honor such a country at this time the way HCR 30 honors Israel. It states that the State of Missouri supports Apartheid and genocide. It tells Palestinian-Missourians that the State of Missouri does not value them or their families. I grew up in a Zionist family. We supported Israel. At the time I did not know the real history and the actual reality of Israel. I visited myself as an adult more than once. I observed. I talked with people. My observations and discussions with people have shown me that Israel's present governance in all the territory under its control is blatantly oppressive. Specifically, it grants rights to Jews that are denied to Palestinians. This arrangement is not just and not democratic. In addition to being raised Zionist I was raised with American values. I was raised to respect the rights of all people. As an American, I was taught that all people should have equal rights regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Because of the values taught to me by my parents, I feel the moral duty to oppose discrimination that is carried out in my name, by a state that claims to act on my behalf. I believe that American values are in contradiction to Zionist values. That is why it creates so much pain to see the State of Missouri consider this resolution. This resolution tightly ties America to the State of Israel and this is a bad thing. I testify for the over 10,000 children killed by Israel since October, the over 20,000 adults, and the two million people now homeless and hungry in Gaza. I testify for the children whose homes and possessions are being ransacked right now by Israeli troops. I testify for the family of friends of mine whose grandmothers, grandfathers, brothers, sisters, in-laws, and nephews have recently been killed by Israeli bombs. I testify for Palestinian children who, trapped behind a giant wall in the West Bank, can see the sea from their homes on hills but have never been allowed to touch its water. I do this for the elderly men and women who witness their home and the olive trees they have tended to their entire lives destroyed before their eyes by religious fanatic settlers. I do this for the shepherd who is separated from his sheep by a deadly electrified fence. I do this for my friends who have spent years in Israeli prisons after never receiving a fair trial. I do this for so many others who have been killed by Israeli soldiers in my name, in their own homes, in their own cities and villages. This

resolution also offends me for making theological statements with which I do not agree. I do not agree that God has given those who now adhere to Judaism and those of Jewish ancestry the exclusive right to do whatever they want to a section of the earth and the other people who live there. I do not believe that God has given special rights to certain people at the expense of other people. I don't believe in an exclusive, racist God. I don't believe that this is the proper interpretation of Jewish tradition or Christian tradition. Some people do believe this – let's keep this a theological debate and not express it as a proclamation of the State of Missouri. The resolution also names Jerusalem as the “eternal capital of Israel”. I very much disagree with the decision of the United States to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, as it unnecessarily exacerbates tensions and helps legitimize Israel's illegal annexation of land in East Jerusalem. But if the State of Missouri were to say that it supports the recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, that would at least be a comment on policy. Recognizing Jerusalem as the “eternal capital of Israel” is a statement that only makes sense as an atheological statement. Jerusalem is a beautiful city. But there was a time that it did not exist, and in the future, there will be a time that it does not exist. There will be a time in the future that Israel does not exist. All countries, all states, all empires – they eventually fall. Even Rome fell. Outside of a theological context, naming any capital as an “eternal capital” is patently absurd. Would we name Jefferson City “the eternal capital of Missouri” or Clayton “the eternal county seat of St. Louis County”? We would not and we should not. We should not name Jerusalem the “eternal capital of Israel”. Please reject this vile resolution which contains dubious theology and directly links the State of Missouri with policies of Apartheid and genocide.



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**More than 30,000 people have been killed by the Israelis. We need to stop supporting this genocide.
This bill is shameful.**



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Shame on this legislation. We need to support Americans and our families here and the American dream here in the United States. We will not stand for supporting genocide and imperialism.



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To declare support without conditions is a massive over reach. This gives up any ability to react or condemn anything down the line. Over the last six months we have seen Israel commit increasingly heinous war crimes, they are also under investigation for plausible claims of genocide. To declare support without conditions would mean even if down the line they are found to have committed genocide we would have officially supported it. New should not be complicit in genocide, and definitely should not unconditionally support a state that is committing war crimes.

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