

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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May 26, 2026

Dear President Trump,

We write to express serious concern regarding the continued role of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) across the Middle East. In the aftermath of Hamas's October 7 terrorist attacks and the United States' decision to withhold funding from UNRWA, it is imperative that we take a broader view of the agency's operations — not only in Gaza, but across the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. As your administration works to advance stability and long-term security in the region, it is critical that we do not continue to rely on failed systems that have further entrenched the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Established in 1949 as a temporary relief agency, UNRWA operates across Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria, providing education, healthcare, and social services to millions of Palestinian refugees. However, rather than resolving the refugee crisis, UNRWA has perpetuated and expanded the problem through its unprecedented policy of conferring refugee status across generations — transforming what was once a finite humanitarian issue into a permanent and growing political challenge.

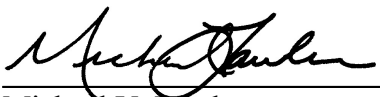
In some Middle Eastern countries, Palestinians face restrictions on employment, property ownership, and access to public services. And in the West Bank, Lebanon, and Syria, UNRWA functions as the primary provider of education, healthcare, housing, food and other essential services. By fulfilling these needs, UNRWA has reduced incentives for host governments to pursue long-term solutions, leaving millions dependent on the agency and prolonging the refugee crisis.

Additionally, UNRWA has faced longstanding concerns about its educational curriculum, which has been found to promote antisemitism and glorify terrorism. This has raised serious questions about the agency's role in radicalizing Palestinian youth.

Ultimately, UNRWA has not been a force for stability but has instead perpetuated the refugee crisis and reinforced the conditions that have allowed terrorism to persist. We strongly urge your administration to take decisive action to fully dismantle UNRWA and transition its functions to more credible and trusted partners that are demonstrably free of ties to terrorism and committed to transparency, accountability, and peace. This could include shifting direct assistance for Palestinian refugee programming to host countries or other legitimate non-governmental organizations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We appreciate your leadership and stand prepared to work with the administration to support efforts to dismantle UNRWA and ensure lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sincerely,



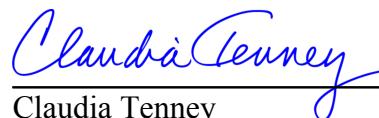
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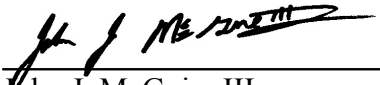
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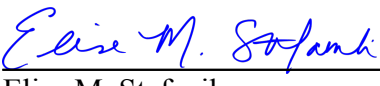
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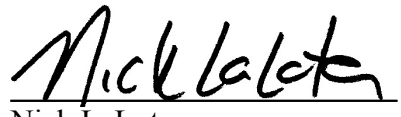
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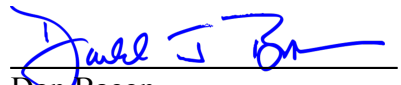
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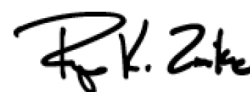
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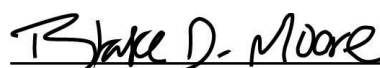
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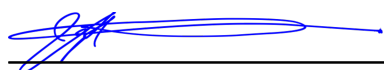
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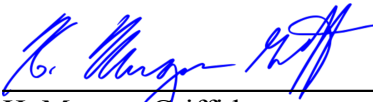
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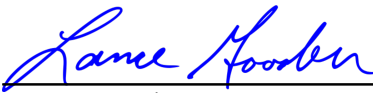
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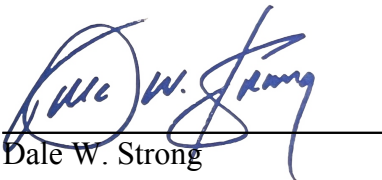
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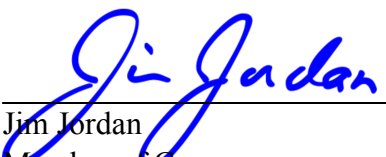
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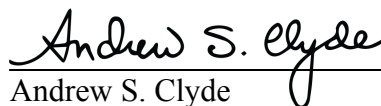
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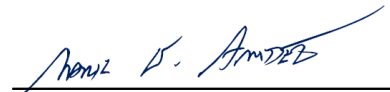
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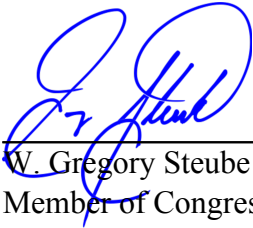
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