

Dear Democratic National Committee and Vice President Kamala Harris Campaign,

We, a coalition of elected officials from various faith traditions and backgrounds, write to you with deep empathy and earnest concern. We respectfully urge you to include a Palestinian speaker at the Democratic National Convention.

Our shared values of justice, inclusion, and human dignity compel us to speak out on behalf of those whose voices are often silenced or marginalized. The pain and suffering of hostage families have been rightfully highlighted and acknowledged on national platforms. We believe that it is equally important to create space for the Palestinian experience, which has been marked by decades of hardship, loss, and displacement.

By including a Palestinian speaker, the Democratic National Convention would not only honor our commitment to inclusivity but also provide an opportunity for these deeply personal and painful narratives to be heard. Just as we have collectively mourned and stood in solidarity with hostage families who have endured unimaginable grief, we must also offer compassion and understanding to Palestinians who have suffered under indiscriminate bombing.

Moreover, as we campaign to defeat Donald Trump and secure a brighter future for our country, it is vital that we demonstrate the strength of our "big tent" approach. This inclusion would enrich our discussions, reflecting a broader spectrum of human experience and reinforcing our party's dedication to principles of human rights, peace, and justice. Embracing these diverse perspectives fosters greater empathy and solidarity within our party and with the American people.

We understand the sensitivities involved and the range of perspectives within our party. Yet, open and heartfelt dialogue is essential to the fabric of our democracy and our collective values. Allowing a Palestinian speaker to share their story is an essential step toward a more comprehensive and compassionate conversation.

We respectfully request that the Democratic National Committee and the Kamala Harris campaign give serious consideration to this proposal. Including a Palestinian voice at the convention would not only demonstrate our commitment to justice and equality but also deepen our shared humanity.

Thank you for your attention to this heartfelt request. We look forward to your positive response and to working together to ensure that our party and our nation remain a beacon of inclusivity and empathy.

Sincerely,

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State Rep Cesar Aguilar, AZ

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