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## **Representative Chaichi Calls for Immediate De-escalation and Ceasefire in Gaza**

**Beaverton, OR** - Today Rep. Chaichi released the following statement on the ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine: "The United States can and must [stop the impending ethnic cleansing of Palestinians](#). Today, I call on our Congressional delegation (and candidates for Congress) to join me in demanding an immediate de-escalation and ceasefire, as well as facilitation of swift humanitarian aid into Gaza. But that is only triage. Stopping bloodshed now does nothing to prevent it in the future. Congress must also call for an end to the ongoing human rights abuses, [apartheid, and occupation](#) that led to the atrocities we are witnessing today."

"Since I started advocating in 2014, I have heard that this issue is too complex. That is a tactic to keep people quiet, to maintain the status quo, a status quo that has resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives. The destruction of homes, hospitals, schools, and places of worship is not new. It is the status quo. Lack of fresh running water, cuts to electricity, and [a blockade](#) starving people in Gaza is not new. It's the status quo. Our tax dollars pay for continued destruction, and we cannot continue to sit by and allow the rampant abuse of human beings, and violations of international law."

Rep. Chaichi spoke about the ongoing historical struggles in the region saying, "United States foreign policy has consistently made these issues worse. We have been witnessing war crimes against Palestinians for decades, and it is time to end our complicity."

Rep. Chaichi urges our leaders in Washington DC to take immediate action to allow humanitarian assistance to innocent civilians and demand a ceasefire.

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