

## QUEERS SAY: JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE END THE OCCUPATION

We, the undersigned members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities, are deeply concerned about the use of U.S. tax dollars to support the violent, repressive and racist regime in Israel. We are outraged that our money – nearly \$8 million per day!- is funding the indiscriminate murder and wounding of Palestinian civilians, the destruction of Palestinian homes, the construction of exclusively Jewish settlements and the closure of the occupied territories, which is destroying the health, safety and economic stability of the entire Palestinian population.

As queers, we are part of an international movement for human rights that encompasses the movement for Palestinian liberation, and all other liberation movements. We are also part of the growing international movement seeking active ways to express our solidarity with the people of Palestine.



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*According to the Palestine Red Crescent Society, nearly 600 Palestinians have been killed and over 15,000 wounded since October 2000. Approximately 1/3 of the injured are children. At least 30 of the dead were targeted by the Israeli government for assassination, most by missile attacks. Several of those missile attacks killed family members, including children, of Palestinians considered enemies of the Israeli state.*

We demand:

- That the U.S. government immediately end all financial and military aid to Israel.
- That the Israeli government end the occupation of Palestine and its racist policies of harassment and exclusion of Palestinians
- International protection for the Palestinian people.
- That all displaced Palestinians be granted the right to return to Palestine.
- Divestment from Israel until it becomes a democratic and non-racist state.