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Democratic Congressional Candidate Supports House Resolution Calling for Gaza Ceasefire

DENVER – Karen Breslin, candidate for the 2024 Democratic nomination in Colorado Congressional District 4, endorses a House resolution calling for a Gaza ceasefire due to the humanitarian crisis spawned by Israel’s response to the monstrous Hamas attacks on innocent Israelis.

“Retribution against innocents is inherently unjust and inconsistent with international law,” Breslin said.

“Hamas’ actions in Israel are [war crimes](#), as is Israel’s disregard for the welfare of Palestinians who are suffering from Israel’s devastating airstrikes. For these reasons, I endorse the House resolution [sponsored by Rep. Cori Bush D-IL](#) that calls for an immediate ceasefire and differ from Colorado congressional [Democrats who oppose a de-escalation](#).” The ceasefire resolution is [endorsed by 13 members](#) of the House.

Breslin notes that US Secretary of State Antony Blinken [called for a ceasefire](#) shortly after the Hamas attacks and that the US Office of Palestinian Affairs also urged “all sides to refrain from violence and retaliatory attacks” though the social media posts were later deleted.

Humanitarian concerns also prompted the [resignation of State Department official](#) Josh Paul who cited the moral necessity to oppose a policy that will bring great suffering to both sides:

Let me be clear: Hamas' attack on Israel was not just a monstrosity; it was a monstrosity of monstrosities. I also believe that potential escalations by Iran-linked groups such as Hezbollah, or by Iran itself, would be a further cynical exploitation of the existing tragedy. But I believe to the core of my soul that the response Israel is taking, and with it the American support both for that response, and for the status quo of the occupation, will only lead to more and deeper suffering for both the Israeli and the Palestinian people - and is not in the long term American interest. This Administration's response - and much of Congress' as well - is an impulsive reaction built on confirmation bias, political convenience, intellectual bankruptcy, and bureaucratic inertia. That is to say, it is immensely disappointing, and entirely unsurprising. Decades of the same approach have shown that security for peace leads to neither security, nor to peace. . .

In a press release, Independent [United Nations human rights experts](#) have likewise called for a ceasefire and condemned violations of international law:

“We strongly condemn the horrific crimes committed by Hamas, the deliberate and widespread killing and hostage-taking of innocent civilians, including older persons and children. These actions constitute

heinous violations of international law and international crimes, for which there must be urgent accountability,” the experts said.

“We also strongly condemn Israel’s indiscriminate military attacks against the already exhausted Palestinian people of Gaza, comprising over 2.3 million people, nearly half of whom are children. They have lived under unlawful blockade for 16 years, and already gone through five major brutal wars, which remain unaccounted for,” they said.

“This amounts to collective punishment,” the UN experts said. “There is no justification for violence that indiscriminately targets innocent civilians, whether by Hamas or Israeli forces. This is absolutely prohibited under international law and amounts to a war crime.”

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