H.R.2407 Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act ("No Way To Treat a Child")

Introduced 4/30/2019 by Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)

Purpose: "To promote human rights for Palestinian children living under Israeli military occupation and require that United States funds do not support military detention, interrogation, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children."

FACTS (from Defense For Children International – Palestine):

Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes 500-700 children in military courts each year. UNICEF says that Israeli military ill-treatment is "widespread, systematic, and institutionalized." The children are traumatized – many are scarred for life.

Most Palestinian children are charged with throwing stones, which can result in a sentence up to 10-20 years. Many plead guilty because they are threatened or tortured.

The majority are taken from home in the middle of the night by heavily armed Israeli soldiers. 75% experience violence during the process, 97% are denied access to a lawyer.

These policies violate international law and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and are subsidized by Americans' tax dollars. The US gives Israel $3.8 billion a year.

H.R.2407 is about the safety of children. No matter what their nationality is, no child should experience what these Palestinian children are experiencing at the hands of Israeli soldiers.

H.R.2407 can not be dismissed as "anti-Semitic." Americans are beginning to recognize the facts about Israel's human rights abuses; we believe criticism is absolutely in order, and it's absolutely not anti-Semitic.

We want H.R.2407 passed because children deserve better than what Israel is giving them.

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for the children.

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