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What every American needs to know about Israel/Palestine

(When you call your rep, it's best to speak from your heart, but feel free to use this phone script if you tend to get tongue-tied or forgetful under pressure! The information below is from Defense For Children International – Palestine, and is available [here](#) and [here](#). More detail about H.R.2407 is available [here](#).)

Hi, I'd like to send a message to Congressman/woman _____.

(They will ask for your name and address.)

I'd like to talk about H.R.2407. The purpose of this bill is to prevent US aid money from being used to incarcerate Palestinian children. I hate to think that my country is enabling children anywhere in the world to be imprisoned or tortured.

Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes 500-700 children in military courts each year. Most are charged with throwing stones, and may get sentenced up to 10-20 years.

Many Palestinian children plead guilty because they are threatened or tortured.

These are violations of international law and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

And it's being done with my tax dollars. We give Israel \$3.8 billion a year.

I want Congressman/woman _____ to cosponsor H.R.2407, so at least we stop subsidizing these policies.

I don't care 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, and we believe criticism is absolutely in order, and it's absolutely not anti-Semitic.

Would you please pass this information along to the Congressman/woman for me?