

United States Senate

May 6, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

I write to you today concerned by the troubling reports that your administration has blocked shipments of U.S.-made ammunition to Israel.

If these reports are true, that would mean your administration blocked aid without any transparency or communication to Congress on why it's being held at your direction. The underlying reason for this action remains disturbingly unclear, and your lack of transparency on this issue as American campuses nationwide have turned into terrorist sympathizers' encampments has our Jewish communities and Americans wondering which side you are on.

You and your administration have repeatedly abandoned Israel. Should you have unilaterally decided to divert aid to our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, then you should come forward and defend this decision. I believe the world should know exactly where you stand with Israel. This recent diversion is just another example of your failure to support our allies and carry out your duties in fear of the repercussions from the pro-terrorist, pro-Hamas faction of your party.

Sources within your administration say this pause does not represent a change in policy toward Israel, but your silence and deceit speak volumes. It is simply inexcusable that The White House, the Department of Defense, and the State Department have not publicly released a comment on why you took this unprecedented action to block aid to Israel at this pivotal time.

Because of this administration's unbelievable focus on Ukraine, I am concerned that you may have prioritized Ukrainian defense over that of Israel. I sincerely hope that you did not reroute this ammunition transfer from Israel to Ukraine, as this would be a drastic betrayal.

For these reasons, please respond by Wednesday, May 8, 2024, with answers to the following questions.

- 1) What is your administration's official justification for blocking shipments of U.S.-made ammunition to Israel during the week of April 25 - May 5?
- 2) Since October 7, 2023, how many aid shipments have you blocked, delayed, or rerouted from reaching Israel?
- 3) Did your administration reroute this ammunition shipment from Israel to Ukraine?
- 4) Does your administration have future intentions of blocking critical aid to Israel?

- 5) Does your administration have any intentions to publicly address why you have unilaterally upended aid to Israel?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger W. Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Roger Marshall, M.D.
United States Senator