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The Honorable Michael Johnson
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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Re: ***Call to Stop Funding United Nations Relief and Works Agency***

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries, and Leader McConnell,

The United States must stop funding antisemitic education efforts run by the United Nations body tied to terror organization Hamas. On October 7, UNRWA staff participated in the worst pogrom against Jews since the Holocaust. [Two months ago](#), 26 States wrote to Congress warning that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency was up to no good. And we were right. Not one more dollar should go to fund this organization so long as it is committed to spreading antisemitism—much less an organization [10%](#) of which had links to foreign terror organization Hamas.

We, the undersigned attorneys general of Iowa, South Carolina, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming call on Congress to stop funding this nascent and growing terror threat. Radicalization in the Middle East today can lead to future attacks on the United States, our citizens, and our allies. Recognizing that, President Trump cut funding to UNRWA that was only restored after President Biden took office. Just as with the crisis at the border, President Biden should recognize that it is time to adopt the right policy of his predecessor.

[UNRWA itself](#) claims that it serves almost 300,000 students across almost 200 schools in the Gaza Strip. The future leaders and would-be peacemakers in Gaza are instead having their educations poisoned by antisemitic staff and textbooks. Even the [European Parliament](#) acknowledged that UNRWA’s education materials contain “problematic and hateful contents encouraging violence, spreading antisemitism and inciting hatred.” Condemning those materials, the European Parliament recognized that it had subsidized textbooks that helped radicalize Gazans before the October 7 massacre. The United States [contributes even more](#) to UNRWA than does Europe—and thus we must stop our culpability at once.

While the United States [suspended](#) UNRWA’s funding in January, it is time to make that permanent—unless UNRWA engages in serious and clear reform. A recent [UN-ordered](#) investigation found that the situation is as bad as the States had predicted. That investigation found that UNRWA textbooks included antisemitic content and that UNRWA staff were violating the UN principle of neutrality with their social media posts.

While UNRWA has fired many employees for participating in the October 7 Hamas-led massacre, even the UN agrees there is more work to be done. Yet some countries have resumed funding UNRWA [even before the upcoming report](#) detailing that organization’s antisemitism and deficiencies. As we wrote before, “UNRWA is a multi-decade failed experiment and there is no justification to continue sending good money after bad.” We would never tolerate American tax dollars being used to teach antisemitic hate here at home—and we should hold foreign organizations we support to the same standard.

Congress should take this opportunity and moment of moral clarity to say enough is enough and stop funding UNRWA for good.

Respectfully Submitted,



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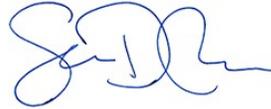
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