



Jewish Federations of North America released the following [statement](#) regarding President Biden's decision to pause weapons transfers to Israel:

Israel is fighting an existential war against a terror army that has entrenched itself in a civilian population. Hamas and its backers are as much enemies of America as they are of Israel. Israel has always and will always take enormous care in its military actions to protect the civilian population, but the only way to stop the killing of innocent people in Gaza is to defeat Hamas.

The Jewish community has great appreciation for President Biden's support for the State of Israel since October 7th. Just last month, he signed into law one of strongest security aid packages in recent memory, which passed both chambers of Congress with extraordinary bipartisan support, to shore up support for Israel in her just fight to eliminate Hamas.

But in threatening to withhold military aid from Israel, President Biden is wrong.

Daylight between the U.S. and Israel on military matters emboldens Hamas and other Iran-backed forces in the region, encourages their delay tactics, and endangers the hostages by weakening Israel's negotiating hand at a critical juncture.

His comments regarding civilians and humanitarian aid only serve to reinforce the false narratives anti-Israel and antisemitic extremists are violently spreading in campus protests. These outcomes go against the laudable aspirations President Biden enunciated this week, that "There is no place on any campus in America, any place in America, for antisemitism or hate speech or threats to violence of any kind, whether against Jews or anyone else."

Even the strongest of allies sometimes disagree, but their mutual support should never waver.