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MAPAC Advocates an Urgent Shift in U.S. Rhetoric and Policy to End the War on Gaza

MAPAC stands firmly as an organization serving North Carolina Muslims, rooted in core Islamic values. The sanctity and dignity of human life are central to our faith, as decreed in the Holy Quran (5:32, 17:70). Every human life holds sacred value. We vehemently oppose the dehumanization of people as lifeless objects to be uprooted and displaced at will.

The people of Gaza, like all human beings, have every legal right to live on their land. Israel's war on Gaza has been one of the most brutal campaigns of collective punishment in modern history. After decades of occupation, total siege, and repeated wars targeting hospitals, schools, mosques, and churches—killing thousands of families and children—Palestinians in Gaza have made one thing clear: no force on earth will uproot them from their land.

President Trump campaigned on prioritizing the American people and ending U.S. involvement in foreign wars. However, instead of reassessing America's role, Trump's administration has deepened U.S. entanglement by authorizing over \$7 billion in arms sales to Israel—originally crafted under Biden—bypassing congressional review. This escalation only fuels regional unrest and endangers U.S. security, all while American families continue to struggle economically as billions are funneled into foreign conflicts.

At the same time, the Trump's administration played a crucial role in pressuring Israel into a ceasefire and advancing negotiations to end the war on Gaza. This influence is essential in restraining reckless Israeli policies and ensuring the implementation of the three-phase deal, which facilitates humanitarian aid and the exchange of hostages. Fifteen months of war have proven that a negotiated agreement is the only viable path to securing hostage releases and ending the violence.

The U.S. government, as Israel's longtime provider of weapons, financial aid, and diplomatic cover, has immense influence. It is time our government uses that influence to stop fueling war and dispossession.

As Americans, we demand that the President, his administration, and Congress act as just leaders: respect the sanctity of all human life, respect the right of Palestinians to live freely in their land, and end unconditional support for reckless Israeli policies. Ensure not only the cessation of this war but also an end to the broader campaign against the Palestinian people—Muslim and Christian alike—in Gaza, Jerusalem, and the West Bank. MAPAC will continue to pressure American political leadership to uphold justice, end the flow of billions in arms to foreign conflicts, and shift focus toward policies that serve the American people.