November 26, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

I write—for the fourth time— to condemn your administration’s continued denial and delay of needed weapons to Israel. You continue to profess “ironclad support” for Israel while your administration works behind the scenes to undermine their war effort. This duplicity and fecklessness has weakened our ally, emboldened Iran, and harmed America’s credibility.

While you continue your public hold on the MK-84 2,000-pound bombs, your administration has manipulated Department of Defense, Department of State, and congressional approval processes to broaden the arms embargo behind the scenes. Here’s what we know:

* The Department of Defense is withholding or delaying the approval of thousands of **MK-83 warheads and guidance kits** as well as thousands of **MK-82 guidance kits.**
* The State Department is withholding or delaying the approval of thousands of **AGM-114 Hellfire-2 Missiles** as well a**s D-9 bulldozers** that the IDF uses as bomb-clearing vehicles.
* The State Department is also refusing to prioritize Israel’s purchase of **Apache helicopters** above other buyers**.**

You have the authority to fast-track all these weapons, as you demonstrated earlier in the war when you used congressionally authorized emergency procedures. Yet you’ve chosen to forgo these procedures now because the Israeli government hasn’t adopted your wartime philosophy of self-deterrence, half measures, and interminable delay.

You’re thwarting the will of Congress, which appropriated funds for Israel’s defense. You’re also ignoring the will of the American people, who voted this month once again for a president who has always backed Israel to the hilt. As a result of that election, your failed Middle East policy will come to end either now or in two months, but it will end. The only real question is how many more Israelis will die because of your administration’s inexcusable scheming. It’s time to fast-track these weapons deliveries now.

Sincerely,

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Tom Cotton

United States Senator