

#WolverinesForPeace

"I Stand For Peace."

"I stand for justice."

"I Stand for Coexistence."



## A Letter to the Michigan Community,

We understand that student groups and Central Student Government are being encouraged to support divestment efforts regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As members of the University, we urge you to instead take bold action towards a just and peaceful resolution.

We stand with Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans who are calling for a bilateral negotiated peace that will benefit all parties involved. We stand for an end to violence and an end to incitement. We stand in solidarity with Palestinians and Israelis alike in the struggle to build coexistence. We stand for long-term sustainable peace.

We reject efforts that aim to assign absolute blame to either Israelis or Palestinians, such as UMDivest and the national Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) movement against Israel. They are counterproductive and drive the parties, both in the region and on campus, further away from one another and from necessary compromise. Rather, we recognize both the Israeli and Palestinian right to self-determination. We therefore support a two-state solution to the conflict: Israel as a Jewish and democratic state alongside an independent Palestinian state, both living in peace and security.

We respect Central Student Government for listening to all voices in this matter and thus creating a forum that validates all narratives, including those expressed in this letter and presented by these signatories.

We desire to be part of the solution towards peace, a responsibility that can only be achieved through mutual understanding, constructive dialogue, and the recognition of the rights of all peoples.

In keeping with the Michigan tradition of promoting change through peace efforts, this is our moment to bring positive change to the region and shift our discourse on campus.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to bring our campus together in spaces of positive dialogue rather than being divided by polarizing divestment.

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**Last Name**

**Email Address \***

**Affiliation with the University of Michigan \***

- Current Student
- Faculty or Staff
- Alumnus/Alumna
- Community member
- Other:

**Year of Graduation**

**Why are you a Wolverine For Peace? (OPTIONAL)**

Why do you support this initiative?

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