

Questions for Senator Murphy

Why did you vote for the so-called “Anti-Semitism Awareness Act” which passed the Senate without opposition? It was totally unneeded and its purpose was to criminalize criticism of Israel. It would have been a nasty blow to the 1st amendment and free speech. (It failed in the House).

Why is Gaza still under siege after ten years! Ten years ago the siege was supposed to be about returning an Israeli soldier captured by Hamas, and about missiles from Gaza. That was the supposed reason for blockading 1.5 million Palestinians. The soldier has been brought home years ago. The missile attacks are almost all stopped. At any rate these aren't grounds for collective punishment of civilians. **Will you speak out against the siege of Gaza**, in particular the banning of most of its trade, limits on fishing, and difficulty in getting treatment for cancer patients?

UNICEF reports one child dies in Yemen every 10 minutes. Thankfully you have taken the lead in criticizing U.S. collaboration in the war and the president has suspended some weapons sales, but that's not nearly enough. **What can be done now?**

There is one American journalist in eastern Aleppo, an African-American named **Bilal Abdul Kareem**. Does the senator know about him and has the Assad government been warned by the State Department not to execute him or other journalists?

There was a sanctions bill against people assisting in human rights abuses in Syria. It passed the House without opposition, but never was brought up in the Senate. What happened? **Why didn't you speak out for it?**

The #1 priority after getting people out of Aleppo is airdrops to all the places still under siege in Syria. Back in January the U.S. Secretary of the Air Force said the U.S. was ready to do this. Why didn't Obama come through? **Why aren't you demanding this?** U.S. planes fly over Syria to bomb. Why don't they drop food?

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