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Dear Yukoners:

I continue to hear from many constituents who are alarmed and outraged at the continuing violence and loss of lives of Palestinians in Gaza. I share this sentiment—the conflict in Gaza has resulted in unimaginable violence and bloodshed and it must end.

Unfortunately, Canada has few tools to influence the peace process. We must therefore use every tool we have. For some time, constituents have been asking me to support a call for a two-way arms embargo against Israel. I do support, as does our government, Israel's right to defend itself. But such a right does not give Israel impunity in how it conducts the war.

I have, for some weeks, considered the arguments for and against such an embargo. Although I was initially encouraged by the results of our vote on March 18th (NDP Opposition motion as amended) in support of ceasing further arms sales to Israel, I realize now that this commitment alone is no longer sufficient.

Arms from Canada still appear to be reaching Israel, including imminent shipments of arms from Quebec to the US and onward to Israel. This sale is not in the spirit of Canada's commitment to cease further arms trade to Israel.

I have therefore decided to join some of my colleagues in signing the letter supporting an arms embargo to Israel. You can read more on their website: [Arms Embargo Now MP Sign-On Letter](#).

Without further urgent action, however, we risk a much wider regional conflict and potentially, much more unnecessary loss of life. I want to thank Yukoners for your concerns, and for continuing to hold our government to account. The conflict in Gaza does not justify actions of hate or aggression towards members of the Muslim, Jewish or Palestinian communities, and I commend Yukoners for their commitment to peaceful and constructive advocacy. I remain committed to doing everything I can to ease this suffering and push for peace.