

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein responding to your message

emails omitted by Brandon Lund

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Dianne Feinstein

United States Senator for California

Dear Brandon:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concern about the potential eviction of several Palestinian families from the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood of East Jerusalem. I appreciate the time you took to write, and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

I understand you oppose the potential eviction of several Palestinian families living in Sheikh Jarrah, a neighborhood in East Jerusalem that has been the subject of a decades-long legal struggle between Israelis and Palestinians. As you may know, the scheduled May 10, 2021 hearing on these evictions before the Israeli Supreme Court was delayed due to the violence in the region. I recognize the concerns about these potential evictions and the instability they have caused in the region.

I am following current developments in Israel and Gaza closely. The escalating violence is extremely concerning and must come to a swift end. Hundreds have been injured or killed, and millions more are living in fear of the ongoing violence. This cycle of violence further destabilizes the region and makes lasting peace more difficult to achieve. The tension in the region also risks the potential for a broader war the likes of which we haven't seen for decades.

The only enduring and peaceful outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is a two-state solution. I continue to strongly support this pathway to peace and hope the current violence will show responsible parties on both sides that this is ultimately the only acceptable solution. However, a just and lasting peace cannot be imposed from the outside as the two parties themselves must be at the center of the difficult choices necessary to end their conflict. I sincerely hope that once the current escalation of violence ends, Israelis and Palestinians can take steps to resume negotiations and work toward our shared goal of achieving peace, stability, and security in the region. I have urged the Biden Administration to use its influence to support this outcome.

Please be assured that I will keep your thoughts in mind as I continue to carefully follow developments in the region.

Once again, thank you for writing. Should you have any other questions or comments, please call my Washington, D.C., office at (202) 224-3841 or visit my website at [feinstein.senate.gov](https://www.feinstein.senate.gov). You can also follow me online at [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), and you can sign up for my email newsletter at [feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter](https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/newsletter).

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator