

United States Senate

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
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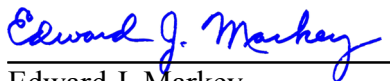
Dear Secretary Rubio,

The Global Sumud Flotilla is currently sailing across the Mediterranean Sea to bring vital humanitarian aid to Gaza, but has reportedly faced attacks by drones and other hostile actions. U.S. citizens, including residents of Maryland, Massachusetts, and Oregon, are aboard these ships. Under international humanitarian law and international human rights law, they warrant protection.

You have a critical role to play in ensuring that U.S. foreign policy protects our citizens and promotes international law and humanitarian relief. We urge you to demand that the Netanyahu government refrains from any use of force against peaceful civilian vessels and ensures that humanitarian aid is surged into Gaza so that the desperate conditions that continue to prompt these flotillas no longer persist.

We would deeply appreciate your assistance on this issue. Please let us know what steps you have taken or will take to safeguard peaceful civilian members of the Global Sumud Flotilla.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Markey
United States Senator



Jeffrey A. Merkley
United States Senator



Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



Elizabeth Warren
United States Senator