

Stop H.R. 23 — hold war criminals accountable!

Republican Representative Chip Roy's [H.R. 23](#), the "Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act" is expected to be voted on this week. This bill is designed to shield PM Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders from accountability for war crimes in Gaza.

This comes only days after the State Department [announced](#) its intention to send \$8 billion in new weapons transfers to Israel. H.R. 23 would enable draconian sanctions on anyone who "aids" the ICC in investigating someone like Netanyahu or the Israeli government for war crimes. Providing any "material support" to an ICC investigation would be sanctionable. This law could have a real chilling effect on peace and other organizations who are advocating for compliance with human rights rules.

We need to stop H.R. 23. The U.S. should not be putting sanctions on the International Criminal Court for appropriately investigating alleged war crimes by Israeli – or any other nation's – leaders. The House should not be sending U.S. weapons to Israel while protecting perpetrators of human rights violations.

Here's what you need to do ASAP:

- 1) Call the Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121) and ask to speak to the office of your House Representative. ([Find your Rep here!](#))**
- 2) Ask them to vote NO on H.R. 23, the "Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act".**
- 3) Let them know that the U.S. *should not be shielding war criminals*. Be sure to mention your name and that you are a constituent.**

As the Congressional session starts, we need to hit the ground running. We must act now to prevent Congress' effort to shield perpetrators of horrific violence from accountability.

Thank you in advance for taking urgent action with us today.

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