

Activists occupy Washington office of Rep. Ro Khanna after he refused to sign on to ceasefire resolution

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Washington, October 23 (RHC)-- A group of activists from Adalah Justice Project, Jewish Voice for Peace, Dissenters and Dream Defenders occupied the D.C. office of California Congressman Ro Khanna to demand he sign on to the resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Sandra Tamari of Adalah Justice Project told reporters: "Representative Khanna claims to represent progressive values, claims to care about his constituents. His constituents include Palestinians. His constituents include Muslims. We are dying. We're dying now. And we just need him to say the word 'ceasefire.' That's all we're asking for."

Ro Khanna's political director resigned over Khanna's refusal to sign on to the resolution. As the activists sat on the floor of Khanna's office, thousands of others marched on the National Mall to demand the U.S. back a ceasefire.

Ilhan Omar, one of 18 lawmakers who signed the ceasefire resolution, said: "Even when they interview people who are living under bombardment in Gaza, they do not ask questions that address their humanity. They do not ask questions that address what is happening to their psyche as they are living through this bombardment."

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