



Vermonters for Justice in Palestine

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c/o Peace and Justice Center, 60 Lake Street, 1C, Burlington, VT 05401

May 26th, 2021

Dear Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Rapaport,

As you know, many people are appealing to you to cease your business in Palestine/Israel. The oppression of Palestinian people there has been going on for decades, and it is becoming increasingly clear to the Palestinian-led BDS movement that conducting business in Palestine/Israel is not beneficial.

Two recent petitions to you, initiated by Vermonters, have produced a huge response. Our online petition resulted in 539 people emailing you between May 1st - May 23rd 2021. A shorter (paper) petition was signed by 204 people at the Rally/March in Burlington, Saturday May 15th 2021, and at the Vigil at the top of Church Street, Burlington, on May 18th. We (VTJP) wanted to present a paper copy of these petitions with names of signatories to you at your Corporate Headquarters, but we were informed that the building is closed and you would not be able to be present. Instead the petitions and names of signers are attached.

We would however very much like to meet in person (perhaps outside your building) or via Zoom to explain the urgency and importance as we see it of ceasing your business in Palestine/Israel, and to gain understanding of your response to the petitions. Please do let us know what arrangements would be suitable and convenient for you.

Yours sincerely

Ian Stokes and others
for Vermonters for Justice in Palestine (VTJP)