

## “Uninstructed” Voters Launch New Pledge: “Ceasefire First, Votes Next” Calling on VP Harris & Democratic Party Leadership to Take Action for a Ceasefire

*Wisconsin “Uninstructed” continues our campaign to end the genocide in Gaza by leveraging our votes in a critical state. Voters of conscience pledge to a platform of peace: not another U.S. bomb for Israel’s war. Ceasefire now! Votes next.*

### Statement

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Organizers and voters of the [Listen to Wisconsin “Uninstructed” Campaign](#) today call on Vice President Harris and Democratic Party leadership to do everything in their power to enact an unconditional ceasefire—including steps like halting all U.S. weapons to Israel—to end the genocide of Palestinians. As pro-peace voters, we are appalled to continue seeing billions of our tax dollars going to a horrific war that most Americans [don’t support](#).

As Vice President Harris steps in as the presumptive Democratic nominee, she has the power and responsibility to save thousands of lives and to stand on the right side of history. Our campaign was never about candidates, it was about policy change that remains **urgent**.

We call:

- **For VP Harris** to demand an immediate, permanent and unconditional ceasefire.
- **For anti-war Wisconsin voters** to [sign the pledge demanding a ceasefire first](#) before we’re asked about our votes. Join us in calling on the Biden-Harris administration and Harris campaign to do everything possible for peace prior to the election.
- **For Wisconsin DNC delegates** to represent the vast [majority](#) of Democrats and Independents in the state as “[ceasefire delegates](#)”: to vote only for a party platform that includes an unconditional ceasefire in Gaza and an arms embargo on the far-right Israeli regime, while calling on VP Harris to endorse the same.

To save lives, to mobilize support from anti-genocide voters, and to win in Wisconsin this November, we join tens of thousands nationwide in saying, “[Not another bomb](#)” to Israel’s war! We will send this message loud and clear to VP Harris and the Democratic Party who have betrayed their base’s fundamental values with this genocide.

As anti-genocide, pro-democracy voters of conscience, 'Uninstructed' voters held President Biden accountable at the ballot box with hope for an end to the horrific violence Israel has unleashed on Gaza, backed by the Biden administration and many Democrats. Now Israel threatens to draw Americans into a reckless war across the Middle East. In Wisconsin, despite our differences, we know wrong from right. The genocide in Gaza is wrong. **We must be clear that protecting our democracy starts by stopping the bombs to a far-right state that has killed over 15,000 children.**

We stand with voters in [Pennsylvania](#) who pledge, "No Ceasefire, No Vote!" and voters in Michigan: "No Ceasefire, No Arms Embargo, No Michigan!" to warn the Democratic Party that there is no victory in key states without a policy of peace. Preserving democracy starts by listening to the vast majority of Democrats who [strongly](#) support a **ceasefire now**.

Almost 50,000 Wisconsinites voted "uninstructed" in the April primary in a historic anti-war protest effort, turning out more than double Biden's margin of victory in 2020 — numbers that can't be ignored. **We called for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire, full humanitarian aid, an end to the cruel blockade of Gaza, and an end to military aid to Israel — demands which [1 in 4](#) Wisconsin Democrats and Independents say are the *minimum* to ensure their votes in November.**

These demands remain vital. We daily witness Israeli war crimes committed unabashedly before the whole world, funded by our tax dollars. The values of the Democratic Party and the moral standing of our country are in question. As voters of conscience in Wisconsin, we affirm that if we're going to fight far right-wing attacks on our freedoms here in the U.S., we have to stop supplying bombs to the Israeli regime that has killed tens of thousands of Palestinians in a war most Americans don't support.

We know what unaccountable, supremacist states can do. Just as we fear the weakening of our democratic institutions both now and under a Trump presidency, we fear more for the outcome of inaction against Israel: Palestinians are being massacred by the hundreds every week. Children are being starved and decapitated by targeted Israeli attacks on shelters, schools, hospitals, and playgrounds. Men are facing severe torture, including rape and other sexual violence. The massacre of over [186,000](#) Palestinians cannot go uncontested, and has been met with ubiquitous outcry here in Wisconsin and across the world. But while families struggle here at home, billions of our tax dollars and billions of dollars in U.S. weapons continue to enable Israeli warfare *with no conditions and no red lines*. We as Americans and as Wisconsinites must reject Israel's war on Gaza outright and call for peace.

**Despite our grief, we uphold hope for change and believe VP Harris can deliver on it.** [Join us by signing the pledge on listentowisconsin.com](#) and [petition for not another bomb](#) — provide hope for Gaza, hope for democracy, and hope to defeat Donald Trump in November.

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