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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Guinta:

Thank you for your letter regarding the catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Gaza.

Humanitarian aid in Gaza is severely restricted and humanitarian needs have reached an unprecedented level. Due to ongoing restrictions imposed by the Israeli government, humanitarian partners face severe challenges in delivering life-saving food and medical assistance despite the scale of need. This obstruction of aid is a violation of international humanitarian law and must end immediately.

Our government is working with our allies to provide immediate assistance to Palestinians in Gaza who desperately need it. Earlier this month, we conducted an airdrop of humanitarian aid, and we continue our efforts so that Canadian aid reaches civilians. Improving the humanitarian conditions of Palestinians requires a dramatic scale-up of humanitarian assistance. We continue to call on the Government of Israel to urgently find solutions to amend its recent registration system of international humanitarian organizations to ensure these vital actors of humanitarian aid can continue their essential work to reach civilians in Gaza. Their exclusion would be an egregious signal.

We are also intensifying our efforts with our international partners to develop a credible peace plan that supports governance and security arrangements. Canada will be a constructive partner in building a just, meaningful, and lasting peace in the region, and a future that respects the dignity, security, and aspirations of all Palestinians and Israelis. We will redouble our efforts to support a strong, democratic government in Palestine and contribute to a peaceful and promising future for its people.

Thank you for advocating on this matter and please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shari Guinta
National President
The Catholic Women's League of Canada