

Resolution Opposing the Inappropriate Use of the Congressional Censure Power

WHEREAS encouraging and supporting the Constitutionally-protected speech of elected representatives is essential for democracy; and

WHEREAS the freedom to speak includes the freedom to disagree and the right to think radically differently from the majority; and

WHEREAS the only speech that is properly censured in Congress is speech that directly threatens violence or constitutes a direct affront to another Member, or speech that advocates or promotes treason or insurrection; and

WHEREAS while Members may vehemently disagree with Representative Tlaib and believe her speech and her views are dangerous, she should not be censured for it.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats request that their Chair share this resolution with Congresswomen DelBene, Jayapal, and Schrier, whose districts extend into the 1st Legislative District; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats affirm our support for the people of both Israel and Palestine to live in peace and security, and the right of all people to live, learn, work, play, pray, and engage in peaceful protest without threats, intimidation, violence, or death.

Phillippa Kassover

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