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Americans need to put pressure on our government and protest US complicity with Israel's crimes against humanity. We will sail again in 2020 to stand with Palestinians in Gaza, as they demand their full freedom of movement and their right to a just future in their land.

We call on our political representatives to stop the United States support of the Israeli blockade of Gaza. It is U.S. military and financial support as well as our international political cover for Israel that make the illegal Israeli blockade possible. Inaction is complicity.

Please join us in our efforts to spread the word and to continue to challenge Israel's inhumane blockade. You can help by sharing materials, websites, Facebook posts, Tweeting, etc.

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