

STATEMENT OF GLENN M. TAUBMAN
TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, AND
PENSIONS

HEARING: Bad Medicine: Politics, Unions, and Antisemitism in Health Care.
(May 20, 2026)

Chairman Allen, Ranking Member DeSaunier and distinguished Committee Members:

I write to assist the Committee as it investigates antisemitism and anti-Israel bias and hatred among various components of the medical profession. It is my honor to again assist this Committee as it performs the noble and necessary work of confronting and combatting antisemitism and anti-Israel bias and calumny wherever it is found.

Along with two of my Jewish clients, I have testified twice before this Committee on the related topic of antisemitism and anti-Israel bias among today's labor unions. [Confronting Union Antisemitism: Protecting Workers from Big Labor Abuses | Committee on Education & the Workforce](#) (July 9, 2024) and ["Unmasking Union Antisemitism" | Committee on Education & the Workforce](#) (Sept. 9, 2025).

The well-known and well-documented problem of antisemitism and Israel demonization manifests itself in many ways in the medical workplace, but particularly via a labor union called "CIR-The Committee of Interns and Residents," a radical affiliate of the even more radical Service Employees International Union (SEIU). <https://www.cirseiu.org/> and <https://www.seiu.org/>

For 43 years I have worked at the National Right to Work Legal Foundation, which provides pro bono legal aid to individual workers who are victimized by the abuses of compulsory unionism. www.nrtw.org. In my role as a staff attorney representing employees only, I have seen and heard first-hand reports of doctors and other health care professionals victimized, harassed, bullied and threatened in their workplace by the CIR union and its acolytes. Rather than focusing on workplace issues like wages, hours and working conditions, CIR has been at the forefront of shunning and harassing Jews and Israelis, and fostering threatening

atmospheres in the workplace that are counterproductive to both quality medical education and basic human civility. For example, instead of fostering workplace respect and harmony, CIR's website links visitors to vile antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda, such as <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DOOQFyLjc1W>, the hcw4pal.boston Instagram site, and <https://www.instagram.com/hcw4pal.boston/> (copies attached as Exs. 1-2).

Perhaps worse than this, Jewish doctors have personally reported to me that CIR representatives told their co-workers to shun them and never speak to them, or even cooperate with them in the hospital as they go about their life-saving work. Can you imagine if one of your treating physicians was being shunned and verbally harassed by her colleagues, none of whom would speak to her about your treatment or condition, or assist her in any way as she provided care for you? This is the kind of demonization, disharmony and dissension CIR brings to the nation's teaching hospitals, all having nothing to do with doctors' wages, hours and working conditions.

I direct the members of this Committee to the attached CIR-SEIU resolutions and statements (Exs. 3-6), which the union has disseminated to further its campaign of harassment and demonization of Jews and Israelis. While these resolutions and statements might politely be described as "one-sided," they are more accurately described as vile and hateful anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli propaganda, spread by an unchecked and power-hungry labor union clothed by federal labor law with the powers of forced dues and "exclusive representation." This CIR propaganda includes ghoulish allegations concerning the sale and use of body parts by the U.S. Navy and the Israel Defense Forces, thereby spreading to the public and the uninformed a new species of the medieval blood libel against Jews and Israelis. (Ex. 5).

I trust this material will be helpful as the Committee goes about its important work. In my view, the easiest way for Congress to stop CIR's grotesque antisemitic abuse is to: a) pass a National Right to Work law so that no employee is forced to fund or support antisemitic and hateful unions he or she opposes; and b) end labor unions' immense and undeserved privilege of "exclusive representation," whereby unions are empowered by federal law to serve as the sole and exclusive agent of unwilling employees who do not wish to be a part of a vile and abusive union or have it act as their exclusive agent or workplace spokesman.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ex. 1



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On August 19, @hcw4pal.boston and @bdsboston were joined by @cirseiu outside Massachusetts General Hospital for a surprise picket continuing the demand for James Taiclet, the president and CEO of global weapons manufacturer Lockheed Martin, to be removed from the Mass General Brigham (MGB) board of directors.

On day 700 of israel's US-backed genocide in Gaza, the situation on the ground is worse than ever. Famine has officially been declared after months of deliberate mass starvation, and israel is threatening a complete occupation of Gaza City, where over 1 million Palestinians are sheltering with nowhere else to go. None of this horror would be possible without Lockheed Martin F-16s, F-35s, and hellfire missiles. James Taiclet's continued presence at MGB is CEO Anne



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Ex. 2



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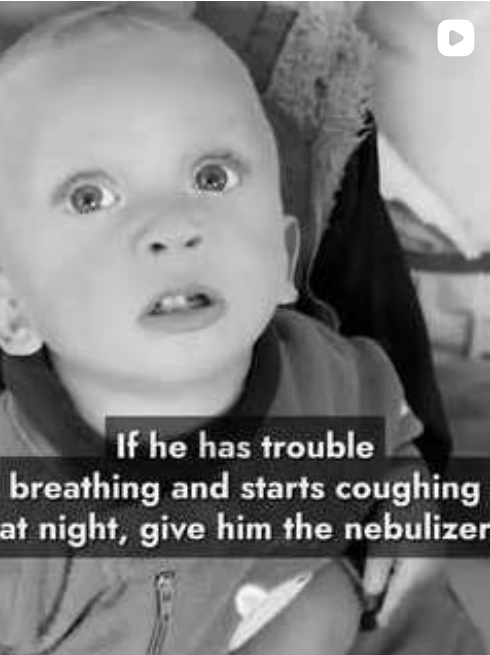
LAST WEEK IN ISRAELI PROPAGANDA IN MA

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Despite our calls to cut ties with Israel, Governor Healey and officials gave Sheba ARC a warm welcome in Boston at their celebration on April 15. Photo credit: Nicole Loeb, Brights

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On Friday, April 17th, 2020, Yitshak Kreiss was part of a panel discussion regarding the Sheba Arc and the genocidal Ai accelerator that is being built in Boston. After the discussion activists ran into him on the street. Prof. Yitshak Kreiss is the director of the Sheba "Medical" Center. He previously served in the Zionist Occupational Forces.



For the last three decades, Prof. Kreiss served in the Israel Defense Forces



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Organizers warn of the harms of Israel technology in campaign against partnership between Massachusetts and Sheba Medical Center

by Neha Madhira
February 2nd, 2026

Read the full article:
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Ex. 3

House Staff Against Apartheid (CIR-SEIU)

 laborforpalestine.net/2024/05/05/house-staff-against-apartheid-cir-seiu/

By labor4pal

May 5, 2024

House Staff Against Apartheid

Whereas, labor unions are fueled by the power of collective worker action to confront and dismantle oppression, and have a long history of solidarity with the struggle for global liberation, and

Whereas, CIR has a rich history of standing for social justice and to matters that affect our members, patients, and communities, as well as a commitment to justice for all people, including standing in opposition to Apartheid South Africa and in solidarity with the NY Young Lords' occupation of Lincoln Hospital, and

Whereas, the UN defines apartheid as, "...similar policies and practices of racial segregation and discrimination as practiced in southern Africa" – as covering "inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them," and

Whereas, the Israeli military has kept the Gaza Strip under a state of siege since 2007, and according to many international human rights organizations (including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and others), maintains an apartheid occupation against the Palestinian people, and

Whereas, the UN defines genocide as, "...acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group,;

Whereas, many US elected officials have encouraged Israel's escalation of violence against Palestinians, have pledged to support further increases in US military aid beyond the nearly \$4 billion a year it provides to Israel, or have otherwise failed to call for a ceasefire, and



Whereas, CIR has resolved to advocate for expanding and ensuring access to healthcare for our patients and communities and to addressing underlying social determinants of health, including access to housing, food, and education,

Whereas, since October 7, Israeli forces have blocked the entry of essential medical supplies to the Gaza Strip, bombed hospitals and other medical facilities, killed and kidnapped healthcare staff, targeted ambulances and restricted access to aid, and destroyed essential infrastructure including housing and educational facilities, and

WHEREAS, CIR, SEIU, APWU, UAW 2865, UE, Teamsters, and many other unions have spoken out in solidarity with the Palestinian people, and

WHEREAS, Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, hatred, and bigotry in all forms have no place in the fight for collective liberation, and

WHEREAS, many Jewish people are actively organizing on college campuses and in cities across the country in support of Palestinians and are demanding divestment from Israeli apartheid and genocide, and

WHEREAS, elected officials and the media continue to exploit fears of rising anti-Semitism and continually conflate anti-Zionist/anti-war organizing with anti-Semitism, and

WHEREAS, CIR residents who speak out in solidarity with Palestine have faced widespread institutional harassment and/or disciplinary action, and

WHEREAS, Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) is a Palestinian-led movement for freedom, justice and equality. BDS upholds the simple principle that Palestinians are entitled to the same rights as the rest of humanity and calls for divestment from the Israeli military and institutions of oppression until they comply with international law, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that CIR rejects the conflation of anti-Semitism with anti-Zionism, and affirms in the strongest terms that there is no place for anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, hatred, or bigotry of any kind in our union, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that CIR calls on elected officials to:

- Oppose all existing and any future military aid to Israel until it complies with international law
- Call for an end to Israeli apartheid and the occupation and blockade of Palestinian land by Israeli military forces.
- Call on Israel to immediately restore water, power, and humanitarian aid to Palestine.

- Use all available legal means to pressure Israel to an immediate, permanent ceasefire including supporting sanctions, ceasing military aid, making public statements and media appearances, undertaking lobbying efforts and other advocacy actions of US elected officials through Regional COPE Boards, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that CIR will join likeminded labor coalitions who are calling for a ceasefire and will encourage other unions and labor councils to join our efforts as outlined above, and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that CIR joins the international call for boycott, divestment and sanctions of Israel until it complies with international law and universal principles of human rights and will further support the BDS Movement by:

- Declining to endorse any candidate for political office that continues to support legislation that seeks to criminalize the BDS movement
- Calling on SEIU to divest the pension fund
- Encouraging their affiliated academic institutions to divest all resources, including but not limited to direct financial contributions, human capital, pension funds, and retirement programs such as 401K and intellectual property

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that CIR will provide legal and logistical support to staff and members in such cases that they suffer harassment, disciplinary action, or other forms of retaliation in response to free speech.

Ex. 4

CIR Stands Against U.S.- Backed Occupation and Genocide

October 22, 2025 | Vitals

In May of 2024, CIR delegates overwhelmingly voted to pass two of the strongest resolutions to date from U.S. unions in solidarity with Palestine. The first, Housestaff for Human Rights, set standards to ensure CIR will not endorse candidates who accept donations from the Israel lobby or who otherwise support genocide and apartheid. The second, Housestaff Against Apartheid, demanded a permanent ceasefire, the end to military aid to Israel, and uplifted the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement.

Since then, many CIR members have continued to organize inside and outside of CIR in solidarity with Palestine, including through Healthcare Workers for Palestine and Doctors Against Genocide.

Recently, CIR housestaff in Boston joined with Healthcare Workers for Palestine and BDS Boston for a picket at Massachusetts General Hospital. At **the action**, the workers and community members demanded that MGB remove the CEO of weapons manufacturer Lockheed Martin, James

Taiclet, from the health system's board of directors. As the coalition made clear, the MGB administration allowing a genocidal war profiteer on their board is tantamount to an endorsement of the mass murder and genocide of Palestinians, which is carried out with weapons made by Lockheed Martin.

Meanwhile, physicians at Los Angeles General Medical Center recently **published a statement** against the use of U.S. healthcare system infrastructure to support colonialism and massacres of Palestinians. Responding to a terrifying recent report revealing that the University of Southern California sold dead patient bodies to the U.S. Navy for use in training by Israeli military forces, CIR condemned this practice and reiterated our union's calls to disentangle our medical system from genocide.

CIR members have also expressed their solidarity with workers withholding their labor power in solidarity with Palestine, with the union's executive committee **releasing a statement** earlier this month applauding Italian workers for their general strike for Palestine.

Related:

Our Union

The Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU, a local of Service Employees International Union (SEIU), represents more than 40,000 interns, residents, and fellows in California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Washington, D.C.

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Ex. 5



Statement from CIR/SEIU on the Sale of Unconsented Bodies to Train Foreign Military

We, as resident physicians of Los Angeles General Medical Center (LAGMC), are deeply disturbed by recent reporting that LAGMC and the University of Southern California (USC) sold unconsented bodies to the U.S. Navy to train the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF).

It is unacceptable that our public hospitals and institutions, which are designed to serve our most vulnerable communities, are instead engaged in the exploitation of our patients to support the training of military personnel. The use of unconsented bodies for experimentation and profit is a profound violation of human dignity and medical ethics. As the plurality of physician housestaff at the largest safety-net hospital in Los Angeles, we vehemently oppose the exploitation of our low-income, predominantly Black and Hispanic patient population for profit and domestic and foreign military training. It is our responsibility as medical doctors to honor the sanctity of all human life, in death as in life.

We reject the collaboration between our public hospital and a foreign military at the expense of our patient population. Public resources and Los Angeles residents should not be subject to experimentation by the IDF, an entity currently engaged in an internationally-recognized genocide. We reaffirm CIR's position, as stated in our House Staff Against Apartheid Resolution, that Israel's occupation of Palestinians amounts to apartheid. We reject any attempt to involve our hospitals, universities, healthcare workers, and patient population in violence that targets civilians and perpetuates colonial systems of oppression.

CIR stands in solidarity with the global labor movement in resisting our governments' complicity in genocide. We call on our institutions to divest from collaboration with the ID and other public and private entities that engage in Israel's practice of genocide and apartheid. We remain committed to advocating for the dignity of our patients, the integrity of the medical profession, and the global struggle for liberation and health equity.

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Ex. 6



Purple Up for Palestine: SEIU members & staff call for leadership support to end the genocide

 **Service Employees International Union President Mary Kay Henry and SEIU Leaders**



We, the members and staff of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), understand the power of collective worker action to confront and dismantle oppression, and the pivotal and historic role of the labor movement in resisting imperialism.

As one of the largest, most powerful labor unions, we must join the growing call across the world to stand with the Palestinian people.

The signed members and staff of SEIU renounce Israel's genocide against Palestinians, and ask our leadership to:

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Are you a union member, or staff, of SEIU or an affiliated union (e.g. SBWU, CIR, USSW, etc.)? *

1. Join the growing call from unions across the world to **stop the genocide** of Palestinians.
2. Call for an **end to the siege** on Gaza and the provision of humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza.
3. Pressure President Biden to **end military assistance** to Israel.
4. Publicly declare support for the **BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) movement**.
5. Commit to **not retaliating against staff or members** who support Palestinian liberation.

Read on for the full letter to SEIU leadership. Then...

👉 Sign on to join fellow SEIU members and staff in calling on our leadership to listen to workers & stand on the right side of history.

Sources:

Israel's attacks on Gaza: The weapons and scale of destruction

Israel-Gaza war in maps and charts: Live Tracker

Israel doubles number of Palestinian prisoners to 10,000 in two weeks

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**To: Service Employees International Union
President Mary Kay Henry and SEIU Leaders
From: [Your Name]**

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Will you stand with your fellow members and coworkers, and add your name to the growing call for SEIU to help end the genocide in Palestine? *

- Yes - add my name & local number
- Yes - add my first name and last initial with my local number only
- Yes, but keep me anonymous - include my local number / org name only

Anything you want to share about why you're signing on?

[Petition text last updated 11-13-23]

We, the members and staff of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), understand the power of collective worker action to confront and dismantle oppression, and the pivotal and historic role of the labor movement in resisting imperialism. As one of the largest, most powerful labor unions, we must join the growing call across the world to stand with the Palestinian people. The signed members and staff of SEIU renounce Israel's genocide against Palestinians, and ask our leadership to commit to: protecting workers from retaliation for expressing their solidarity with Palestinian liberation; supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement; and pressuring President Biden to end U.S. military funding to Israel.

Since October 7th, Israel has dropped the equivalent of two nuclear bombs onto the Gaza Strip, where 2.5 million people, including one million children, live in a 25-mile open-air prison. Israel is starving Gaza, restricting vital fuel, water, and food, and bombing schools, mosques, hospitals, homes, and refugee camps. Israel has killed more than 11,000 Palestinians in Gaza, including over 4,600 children. In the West Bank, the Israeli military and settlers have killed hundreds of Palestinians and continue to forcibly displace them. These numbers only increase as Israel's aggression, backed by the United States, escalates.

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But the genocide of Palestinians did not begin in October of 2023. Since 1948, Israel has forcibly removed millions of Palestinians from their homes and land, subjected the Palestinian people to a system of apartheid, and bombarded Palestinians with numerous military attacks. Today, it's estimated that Israel imprisons over 10,000 Palestinians, including children.

The U.S. has long supported Israel as a way to advance its own strategic interests in the region. Now, while millions across the world call for an end to this brutality, our elected officials continue to actively enable the onslaught through political backing, military support, and billions the U.S. provides to Israel annually through our tax dollars.

Palestinians deserve to live free from violence, displacement, and oppression. The labor movement has a long history of solidarity with the struggle for liberation globally. From apartheid South Africa to the U.S. civil rights movement, union members have marched, joined boycotts, lobbied politicians, and raised our collective voices to dismantle oppressive systems. We refused our labor where it would further an amoral goal. This moment, too, calls for bold, unwavering action. If we remain silent, then we are complicit in genocide.

Our call for solidarity with Palestinian liberation is an extension of our commitment to racial justice work. Just as we include land acknowledgments at the beginning of union

gatherings, which recognize the genocide and dispossession of indigenous peoples from the U.S. lands we now occupy, we have a duty to call out the active genocide of Indigenous Palestinians happening in real time. We must oppose the violent rhetoric of Israeli and U.S. leaders, which breeds Islamophobia and racism at home towards members and staff. If we continue to amplify the rhetoric framing this genocide as a “conflict,” then we are only enabling white supremacist, Islamophobic violence — a betrayal of our values and our proclaimed goal of becoming an anti-racist organization. We remember and honor the lives of Wadea Al-Fayoume and Dr. Talat Jehan Khan, who were recently killed amidst the current surge of racist and Islamophobic violence in the U.S., which CAIR reports has increased by 216% in October alone. We also hold in our hearts the other BAMEMSA (Black, Arab, Middle Eastern, and South Asian) people who have been beaten, had hijabs or turbans snatched, and been rammed by cars, tear-gassed, threatened, stabbed, and tracked down to be “hunted” in the recent onslaught of racist and Islamophobic rhetoric. We ask SEIU leadership to not only think about this topic critically as individuals, but also to consider how the words shared with members and the public manufacture consent for racist violence at home, and genocide and land theft in Palestine.

SEIU leadership are elected to represent members’ voices in politics, and must publicly stand with us against the genocide of

Palestinians. SEIU must continue to stand strong in our commitment to being at the forefront of anti-racism. Therefore, we call on SEIU leadership to act towards:

1. Stopping the genocide of Palestinians: Join the growing calls from unions and workers across the globe in a public statement demanding that Israel immediately end its armed offensive against the Palestinian people.

2. Ending the siege on Gaza: We echo the call made by our siblings in the labor movement for water, fuel, food, and other humanitarian aid to be allowed into Gaza, and electricity to be restored.

3. Refusing to further arm Israel: Pressure Biden, SEIU's endorsed presidential candidate, to end military funding & assistance to Israel and pressure Israel to end its genocide in Gaza.

4. Publicly declaring support for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement initiated by Palestinian trade unions.

5. Not retaliating against staff or members for supporting Palestinian liberation: Protect all workers from retaliation for expressing and acting on their commitment, aligned with SEIU values, to lead the way to a more just and equitable world by calling for an end to another colonial occupation and apartheid system.