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RE: Nomination for Hind Rajab for Nobel Peace Prize

Dear Members of the Nobel Prize Committee,

I write to you with a heart heavy with grief but infused with hope. I respectfully submit this letter to formally nominate Hind Rajab for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. This nomination is not solely in recognition of a single individual. Rather, Hind Rajab stands as a potent and deeply symbolic archetype of every child whose life was tragically cut short in Gaza – and, by extension, of the countless children who endure war and conflict worldwide.

Hind Rajab's life story symbolizes the profound resilience and dignity of children in war. Particularly, for children who were – by no choice of their own – thrust into a life of war. And prematurely, killed by it. In bearing witness to the unimaginable – losing family members, neighbors, friends – children in Gaza have repeatedly found the courage to rebuild and nurture hope, even when day-to-day existence seems insurmountably fragile. Although Hind's life was taken six years into it, her memory and the memories of all children slain by global wars form a collective beacon that refuses to be silenced. They remind us that a child's life should be devoted to growth and learning, not overshadowed by fear and violence.

The Nobel Peace Prize was established to honor those who have done the most or the best work to foster unity among nations, reduce the horrors of armed conflict, and promote lasting peace. Hind Rajab – as a living symbol of the children whose voices were stilled – embodies each of these aspirations in a uniquely profound way:

1. *Fraternity Between Nations*: Hind's story transcends geographical and political boundaries. Her innocence and the magnitude of her suffering evoke global empathy and solidarity. By acknowledging her, we acknowledge our collective responsibility toward children everywhere, inviting all humanity to come together in the spirit of shared compassion.

2. *Reduction of Armed Conflict*: The pain endured by the children of Gaza and armed crises globally highlight the devastating impact of war on the most vulnerable. In nominating Hind Rajab, we underscore the imperative to protect civilian lives –

especially children—by advancing peace negotiations, humanitarian corridors, and international safeguards that actively prevent further atrocities.

3. *Promotion of Peaceful Solutions*: Every day that conflict persists, children pay the steepest price. Hind's short life reminds us that dialogue, reconciliation, and conflict resolution must prevail over arms and aggression. Her story has the power to galvanize global movements and conversations that push for humanitarian solutions and sustained peace initiatives.

In shining a spotlight on Hind Rajab – a young girl whose face adorns banners and is etched into the minds of billions – the Nobel Peace Prize would recognize a living memorial for every child robbed of a future due to senseless violence. It would amplify the urgent call to end the suffering, to mobilize international will and reconciliation, and to shape a world where children – no matter where they are born – may grow, learn, and enjoy the blessings of innocence instead of the reaper of misassigned guilt.

By awarding Hind Rajab this highest honor, we collectively affirm that peace is not only a lofty ideal but a universal right that must be secured for the world's most vulnerable. We affirm that every child's life is sacred – and that when we fail to protect it, we fail the very essence of our shared humanity.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. I trust that Hind Rajab's story, carried in the hearts of all the children of Gaza, and indeed children around the world enduring war, will resonate with you, as it has with all those who have witnessed their struggle. As a law professor, and educator, my commitment to raising the voices of the vulnerable and vigorous pursuit of the rule of law aligns with the values of the Nobel Prize and inspired me to make this nomination.

May we come together to ensure that the voices of these children, silenced too soon and forever, are echoed with this highest recognition.

With profound respect and hope,

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