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TAMU YDSA Condemns DSA's Decision to Allow Congressman Jamaal Bowman to Remain a Member

COLLEGE STATION, TX — The Texas A&M University Chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists of America strongly condemns Thursday's decision by the Democratic Socialists of America to not expel Congressman Jamaal Bowman from DSA. Congressman Bowman has voted for increased funding to Israel's Iron Dome, has met with Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, and made a recent trip to occupied Palestine with J Street, a pro-Israel lobby group.

The National Political Committee of DSA had this to say regarding their decision on Congressman Jamaal Bowman's member status:

We recognize the threat that Bowman and other members of the squad pose to the Zionist lobby and the important role DSA can play with them in advancing Palestinian rights and anti-imperialist struggle at the federal level. Already, we have seen considerable movement from Representative Bowman and his office, and a marked demonstration of interest in both accountability, and collaboration on an effective and strategic path forward to advance the Palestinian cause through progressive struggle on the congressional terrain. **This is why the NPC has decided not to expel Bowman.** The National Political Committee will not re-endorse Bowman unless he is able to demonstrate solidarity with Palestine in alignment with expectations we have set ("On Expelling Congressman Bowman").

TAMU YDSA Co-Chair Eric Martinez on DSA's decision:

With little to no description of what 'movement' Representative Bowman has made on showing any form of solidarity with Palestinians and their plight for national liberation, it is simply not enough to contemplate re-endorsement. Solidarity is not a strategic tool that can be taken away when it means making hard decisions; solidarity should be unwavering and uncompromising. Socialists should be anti-colonialists. If Representative Bowman shows support for an apartheid, colonial state, then he is no socialist. Support for Palestinians against their occupiers should be the bare minimum, and Representative Bowman has repeatedly not shown this, in fact, quite the opposite. Expulsion is the floor for DSA and showing their support for Palestinians.

As ardent anti-imperialist, anti-colonialists, and anti-zionists, TAMU YDSA fully condemns Congressman Jamaal Bowman's actions in support of Israel and DSA's decision to allow the Congressman to remain a member of the organization. By not expelling Congressman Bowman, DSA is enabling the Congressman's actions of support towards apartheid Israel, legitimizing Israel as a state, and dismissing genocide and the illegal occupation of Palestine. TAMU YDSA strongly supports Palestine and their continued struggle toward liberation from their colonial oppressors, Israel.

About TAMU YDSA

TAMU YDSA is an autonomous and democratically organized branch of the Young Democratic Socialists, the student and youth wing of the Democratic Socialists of America. TAMU YDSA is an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist, and anti-zionist chapter of YDSA. Members of TAMU YDSA are students and members of the broader campus community at Texas A&M University organizing to build a better world. TAMU YDSA is a recognized student group at Texas A&M University.

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DSA's statement on not expelling Congressman Bowman:

<https://www.dsausa.org/statements/on-the-question-of-expelling-rep-bowman/>