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AFT Kansas Condemns Hamas Attack, Stands with Israeli People

While we believe our members should be able to express their views and make associational statements as the Graduate Teaching Assistants Coalition of the University of Kansas, the AFT and AFT Kansas have positions on the Middle East conflict that differ significantly.

In the aftermath of the Hamas attack on Israel that left 1400 people murdered and the increasingly brutal humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the AFT released a statement condemning the Hamas attack and decrying the Palestinian humanitarian crisis. That statement issued by our officers President, Randi Weingarten, our Secretary and Treasurer Fedrick Ingram and Executive Vice-President, Evelyn DeJesus and on AFT's October 9, 2023, provides ." [U.S. Education Leaders Condemn Hamas Attack, Stand with Israeli People | American Federation of Teachers \(aft.org\)](#)

AFT Kansas stands with that statement.

In addition, AFT members have worked hard with Palestinians and Israelis for years, reaffirming its belief in a 2-state solution in a convention resolution passed in 2016. All unions under AFT Kansas jurisdiction practice independency and autonomy. Like all Americans, GTAC has the right to free speech. Currently, GTAC has chosen to exercise this right and their opinions publicly on this tragedy and now on-going conflict. The GTAC Executive Board is solely responsible for their actions, words, and deeds.

AFT along with our fellow union brothers and sisters across the country, we sympathize and pray for all of those who are suffering and caught in this terrible situation occurring on the other side of the world. We are hopeful and praying for a quick resolution to this conflict.

Reference: AFT'S Revolution-Hand in Hand [HAND IN HAND | American Federation of Teachers \(aft.org\)](#)

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