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Dear Friend of ISM,

This message is not about fundraising. We need something else from you.

The ISM may be in grave danger. Israel knows that the greatest threat to its ambitions is the nonviolent resistance movement in Palestine. That is why it seeks to discredit nonviolent activists by accusing them of fronting for armed resistance organizations.

Such accusations are not new. Even Rachel Corrie was accused of protecting arms smugglers. However, we have word that Israel and its U.S. supporters want our government to designate the ISM in Palestine a terrorism sponsor. This would be disastrous for a group that has stood for nonviolence and human rights advocacy since its founding in 2001, and has been nominated twice for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Of course, even accusations need evidence, and we are not privy to much of it. We know only that people associated with ISM may be accused of transferring funds to groups on the U.S. terrorism sponsor list. However, *investigators have made no effort to ask ISM itself about the accusations.* Little more is likely to be divulged until ISM is actually put on the list.

I don't need to tell you how disastrous this can be. ISM support groups in the U.S. would no longer be able to help their colleagues in Palestine – a terrible blow to the nonviolent resistance movement there.

Here is what you can do:

Call and write your members of Congress. Tell them to make sure that the ISM is not listed as a terrorism sponsor *until a thorough investigation – including an opportunity for ISM to respond to accusations – is performed.* Tell them that the important work of the ISM must not be stopped by a political inquiry that does not meet the basic test of fairness.

This is urgent, because the Government may take action at any time, so please do it now. If you don't know your member of Congress, go to <https://forms.house.gov/wyr/welcome.shtml>.

Thank you for supporting ISM and the Palestinian nonviolent resistance movement.

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