

The Honourable David Eby, MLA  
Premier of British Columbia  
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**Re: Call to Remove Israeli Wines from BC Liquor Stores**

Dear Premier Eby,

On behalf of the Nanaimo District Teachers' Association (NDTA), we write to express our deep concern regarding the continued sale of Israeli wines in British Columbia liquor stores and to respectfully urge your government to take immediate action to remove these products from shelves.

As teachers, we are committed to upholding human rights, international law, and social justice. The Government of British Columbia has previously demonstrated moral leadership by removing Russian alcohol from BC Liquor Stores in response to the invasion of Ukraine. In that same spirit, we now call on you to take a principled stand against the ongoing violence and systemic injustice facing Palestinians in Gaza and the occupied West Bank.

After months of bombing by the Israeli government and credible reports of mass civilian casualties, and the condemnation by respected international bodies of Israeli government's actions, including the expansion of illegal settlements, displacement of Palestinians, and severe human rights violations.

Israeli wine remains on the shelves of BC Liquor Stores as of May 2025. Supporting the sale of Israeli wines in BC stores is economically supporting a system of occupation and oppression. This stands in direct contradiction to Canada's international obligations and to the values that British Columbians hold dear.

We also remind your government that the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement, a nonviolent campaign initiated by Palestinian civil society, has specifically called for the boycott of Israeli goods, including wine, to hold the Israeli state accountable. Upholding this call aligns with your government's previous decisions to restrict alcohol from jurisdictions engaged in violations of international norms, such as Russia and U.S. states targeting minority rights.



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Premier Eby, just as your government took decisive action in solidarity with Ukrainians and vulnerable communities in the United States, we urge you now to stand with the people of Palestine. Removing Israeli wines from BC Liquor Stores would be a meaningful and symbolic step toward justice and would signal BC's commitment to human rights and international law.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

**Jo Cornthwaite**

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