

Peace Alliance Action Sheet

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Build International Peace!

The clear message we invite you to send to Congress is **SUPPORT WHAT WORKS!!**

Ask your two Senators to:

1. Oppose any cuts to the State Department and USAID's budgets. In particular, you could mention the peacebuilding importance of –
 - a. The US Institute of Peace
 - b. The Complex Crises Fund
 - c. The Conflict Stabilization Operations Bureau
 - d. The UN's Peacekeeping Operations, and
 - e. The Office of Transition Initiatives
2. Support the new bi-partisan Senate bill on atrocities prevention (either introduced today, or due to be introduced within days). Led by Senators Cardin, Rubio, Young, Murkowski, and about 17 others, this bill would –
 - a. Authorize interagency coordination for atrocities prevention
 - b. Authorize funding for this purpose
 - c. Authorize training for Foreign Service Officers in atrocities prevention, and
 - d. Authorize the Intelligence Community to focus on atrocities prevention

Congressional Switchboard: 202-224-3121

Sample Script:

"Hello, please connect me with Senator _____'s office?"

"Hi, my name is _____."

"I am a constituent, from _____ (city, state)."

"Please convey to the Senator that regarding next year's budget, I would like them to support full funding for the State Department and USAID."

"I am particularly interested in support for our current international peacebuilding tools in entities like the Office of Transition initiatives, the Complex Crises Fund, and the USIP."

"There is also a particular bill on atrocities prevention which (was just introduced/is about to be introduced). This bill would (see above a. through d.)."

"Please ask the Senator to contact Senator (Cardin's if Democrat, Rubio's if Republican) office, and become a co-sponsor of this important legislation. Thank you!"