CALL for a
Department of Peacebuilding
During Season for Nonviolence
Make Your Calls January 15 - April 4, 2020

20 for SNV 2020

The Season for Nonviolence (SNV) is the beginning of our annual cycle to make peacebuilding a national priority by creating a cabinet-level U.S. Department of Peacebuilding in our government. It is time to proactively work for peace. In peace. To prevent violence. To create a culture where all are valued.

YOU Can Make a Difference

As of 01/15/20, the Department of Peacebuilding legislation (DoP/ HR 1111) is cosponsored by 36 members of Congress. Honor the tradition of nonviolence by joining the SNV 2020 action to recruit additional HR 1111 cosponsors. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13) is the bill’s sponsor.

You can make a difference by calling starting on Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday and continuing through SNV from 1/30 to 4/4/20. Please contact: 1) your member of Congress and 2) the 20 SNV 2020 members of Congress listed on the reverse side of this flyer. Ask each Representative to sign on as a cosponsor of this urgent legislation.

Sample script: “My name is _______. I am a constituent or I am an individual who is very concerned about the violence in this country and internationally or I am one of thousands of Peace Alliance supporters. The Department of Peacebuilding legislation (HR 1111) addresses the root causes of violence by researching solutions and promoting policies and programs that already work. It is cost effective and will save lives and money. Please make peace a national priority by cosponsoring this legislation. To do this, contact Samira in Rep. Barbara Lee’s office samira.damavandi@mail.house.gov or 202-225-2661)."

We need a Department of Peacebuilding to:
- Focus comprehensively on preventing violence domestically and internationally
- Save lives and money as nonviolence is proven practical and cost effective
- Expand civilian capacity for peacebuilding and nonviolent conflict intervention
- Promote and fund the many community-based violence prevention “best practices”
- Uniformly teach violence prevention & mediation skills to America’s school children
- Address root causes of terrorism to enhance homeland security
- Support the military with complementary approaches & post conflict reconstruction

Each call takes only a few moments … time well spent to build peace …

Violence is any mechanism that degrades the human spirit. Nonviolence is any mechanism that enhances the human spirit. - Michael Nagler, Metta Center for Nonviolence Co-Founder
Call 20 Members of Congress
During Season for Nonviolence 2020
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Starting 1/15/20 and continuing through 4/4/20, PLEASE CONTACT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE on the list below. Relay to the receptionist or the legislative director the message on the reverse side.

HOW TO CONTACT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

1) Your Member of Congress
To find the number of your member of Congress, call the Congressional switchboard (202-224-3121) and also email your member of Congress at Take Action! Ask members of Congress to cosponsor legislation to establish a Department of Peacebuilding (HR 1111).

2) 20 Congressional DoP Cosponsors for SNV 2020 Call List
Please call these members of Congress and ask them to cosponsors DoP/HR 1111 by calling Rep. Barbara Lee’s office at 202-225-2661. Former cosponsors are indicated with an asterisk -- thank them for cosponsoring in the past and ask them to sign on as cosponsors of the current Department of Peacebuilding legislation.

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REPORT YOUR CALLS TO US
Please let us know who you called by emailing nancy@peacealliance.org.

It is past time to establish a Department of Peacebuilding to reduce suffering on a national and global scale while saving billions of dollars through violence reduction and increased economic productivity.

– Congresswoman Barbara Lee

It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.
And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work for it. - Eleanor Roosevelt

(For more information, see Department of Peacebuilding & www.peacealliance.org/)