



CALL for a
Department of Peacebuilding
During the Summer of 2020

Call Congress May 4 - August 31, 2020



20 for Summer 2020

It is time to build peace and compassion into our decisions and actions at every level -- including at the level of our federal government. Make peacebuilding a national priority by creating a cabinet-level U.S. Department of Peacebuilding.

Compassion is the radicalism of our time. - 14th Dalai Lama

YOU Can Make a Difference

As of 05/01/20, the Department of Peacebuilding legislation (DoP/ HR 1111) is cosponsored by 36 members of Congress. **Honor the tradition of compassion and nonviolence by joining the Summer 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 with the week before Mother's Day 2020 and continuing through 8/31/20.** Please contact: **1) your member of Congress and 2) the 20 Summer 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 ...

Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future. -

Nelson Mandela

Call 20 Members of Congress During Summer of 2020

Call Starting Mother's Day Week 2020 & Continuing Through 8/31/20

Starting 5/4/20 and continuing through 8/31/20, **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/ Summer 2020 here](#). Ask members of Congress to cosponsor legislation to establish a Department of Peacebuilding (HR 1111).

2) 20 Congressional DoP Cosponsors for Summer 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. **Many are former cosponsors** (marked with *). **We need them to sign on again** -- thank them for cosponsoring in the past and ask them to sign on as cosponsors of the current Department of Peacebuilding legislation.

Karen Bass (CA-37)* 202-225-7084	Brendon Boyle (PA-2) 202-225-6111	Tony Cardenas (CA-29)* 202-225-6131
Yvette Clarke (NY-9)* 202-225-6231	Steve Cohen (TN-9) 202-225-3265	Dwight Evans (PA-3)* 202-225-4001
Marcia Fudge (OH-11)* 202-225-7032	John Garamendi (CA-2)* 202-225-1880	Al Green (TX-9)* 202-225-7508
Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)* 202-225-8885	Marcy Kaptur (OH-9)* 202-225-4146	Carolyn Maloney (NY-12)* 202-225-7944
Joe Neguse (CO-2) 202-225-2161	Donald Norcross (NJ-1)* 202-225-6501	Cedric Richmond (LA-2)* 202-225-6636
Tim Ryan (OH-13)* 202-225-5261	Bobby Scott (VA-3)* 202-225-8351	Darren Soto (FL-9)* 202-225-9889
Xochitl Torres-Small (NM-2) 202-225-2365	Frederica Wilson (FL-24) 202-225-4506	

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

During the global pandemic, many are acknowledging that “we are in this together.” Lasting prosperity comes from working together for the common good, with both today and the future in mind, which is the essence of peacebuilding. Please ask our leaders to make this a national priority.

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