



CALL for a **Department of Peacebuilding** **During the Advocacy Days 2020** **Call Congress September 21 - 25, 2020 &** **During Fall 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 violence prevention & peacebuilding national priorities by creating a cabinet-level U.S. Department of Peacebuilding.

YOU Can Make a Difference

As of 08/14/20, the Department of Peacebuilding legislation (DoP/ HR 1111) is cosponsored by 37 members of Congress. **Honor the tradition of compassion and nonviolence by joining the Advocacy Days/ Fall 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 during Advocacy Days (9/21 - 25/20) and again during Fall 2020.** Please contact: **1) your member of Congress and 2) the Advocacy Days 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 Greg in Rep. Barbara Lee's office (Gregory.adams@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**

REPORT YOUR CALLS TO US

Please let us know who you called by emailing nancy@peacealliance.org.

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

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

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



Call 26 Members of Congress During Advocacy Days 2020

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Starting 9/21/20 (International Day of Peace) through 9/25/20 (and during Fall 2020), **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) 26 Congressional DoP Cosponsors for Advocacy Days/ Fall 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. ***Especially call if you are a constituent or live in the specified state of these members of Congress.*** Also call others as this is a national effort.

Alma Adams (NC-12) 202-225-1510	Karen Bass (CA-37)* 202-225-7084	Don Beyer (VA-8) 202-225-4376
Brendon Boyle (PA-2) 202-225-6111	GK Butterfield (NC-1) 202-225-3101	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	Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX-30)* 202-225-8885
Marcy Kaptur (OH-9)* 202-225-4146	Al Lawson (FL-5) 202-225-0123	Carolyn Maloney (NY-12)* 202-225-7944
Lucy McBath (GA-6) 202-225-4501	Joe Neguse (CO-2) 202-225-2161	Donald Norcross (NJ-1)* 202-225-6501
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14) 202-225-3965	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	Rashida Tlaib (MI-13) 202-225-5156
Xochitl Torres-Small (NM-2) 202-225-2365	Frederica Wilson (FL-24) 202-225-4506	