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# PARTICIPATE IN ADVOCACY DAYS 2021

## Department of Peacebuilding

***Building Bridges Not Walls.*** 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.

Every year we build support for a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding (DoP/ HR 1111) **by meeting with members of Congress** and/or their staffers during Advocacy Days. In 2021, instead of in-person meetings in DC, we will schedule Advocacy Days Zoom meetings to take place from 9/27/21 and 10/1/21. **YOU can make a difference** by: **1)** scheduling a meeting (or meetings); **2)** attending a meeting scheduled by someone else; **and/or 3)** AMPLIFYING the meetings by calling the Congressmembers listed on the reverse side. **The message is to ask members of Congress to join the growing list of HR 1111 cosponsors. You don't have to be an expert. You just need persistence and conviction about the importance of this legislation.**

### **1. Scheduling a Virtual Meeting**

**You can make a difference** by scheduling a **meeting with your member of Congress and/or any other members of Congress.** Please start this process in August and early September. To find your member of Congress, call the Congressional switchboard at 202-224-3121 or [Find Your Representative](#). To determine if a member of Congress already cosponsors: [Department of Peacebuilding Cosponsors \(117th Congress\)](#)

**Call, write or check the Congressman's website** to find out how to schedule a virtual meeting. Find out the name and email for both the Legislative Director and the scheduler. Send an email copying both individuals. You can also check the website -- sometimes the Congressman has an online form to fill out. Familiarize yourself with the member of Congress, including by reading his/ her biography.

**When requesting an Advocacy Days Congressional meeting, say/ write something like:**

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_ and [Staffer] \_\_\_\_\_,

*I am a constituent of Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ [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]. I am writing on behalf of the Peace Alliance in support of the Department of Peacebuilding Act H.R. 1111 (Rep. Barbara Lee). The Peace Alliance is holding its annual Advocacy Days from September 27 through October 1, 2021.*

*I request a virtual meeting with Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ and/or a legislative staff member during the week of September 27, 2021 through October 1, 2021. We will accommodate Rep. \_\_\_\_\_'s availability. The best days and times for the Peace Alliance are between 12 pm and 4:30 pm Eastern time on Monday (9/27/21) through Friday (10/1/21). Please let us know your availability as soon as possible. The Peace Alliance can provide a Zoom link, unless you prefer to do that.*

*We thank Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ for [check the Congressman's website for specific legislation or issues] \_\_\_\_\_ [or] for working for peace and justice.*

*During these times, Rep. \_\_\_\_\_'s support for a United States Department of Peacebuilding is especially timely and significant. We look forward to your reply and to our future meeting. Thank you for your attention to this.*

Sincerely, [Your name and email address]  
**(See reverse side.)**

## 2. Planning & Attending a Virtual Meeting

**Coordinating & tracking meetings.** Please stay in touch with [nancy@peacealliance.org](mailto:nancy@peacealliance.org) about which Congressmembers you are scheduling meetings with, when the meeting will take place and who -- from the Congressperson's office -- will attend. We will provide Zoom links, track the evolving meeting schedule and let others know when the meeting(s) will take place so they can attend.

**For more information** about the DoP bill, and scheduling, preparing for and conducting Congressional meetings, see [Department of Peacebuilding - An Overview](#) and [Tips for a Congressional Meeting](#). Additionally, attend DoP Campaign and Advocacy Days calls on 8/18/21 and the first four Wednesdays in September. Watch for call announcements or find call Zoom links at [Department of Peacebuilding](#).

## 3. AMPLIFYING DoP Co-sponsorship

During the week of 9/26/21 through 10/1/21, **please call one or more of these Congressional offices.** Tell them that during this week we are advocating for them to sign on as cosponsors of the Department of Peacebuilding (HR 1111) legislation. To do that, they should call Congresswoman Lee's office (202-225-2661) and ask the Legislative Director to add them to the cosponsor list. **Many on this list 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.

<b>Karen Bass</b> (CA-37)* 202-225-7084	<b>Pramila Jayapal</b> (WA-7) 202-225-3106	<b>Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez</b> (NY-14) 202-225-3965
<b>Cori Bush</b> (MO-1) 202-225-2406	<b>Hakeem Jeffries</b> (NY-8) 202-225-5936	<b>Donald Payne, Jr.</b> (NJ-10)* 202-225-3436
<b>Tony Cardenas</b> (CA-29)* 202-225-6131	<b>Robin Kelly</b> (IL-2)* 202-225-0773	<b>Ayana Pressley</b> (MA-7)* 202-225-5111
<b>Yvette Clarke</b> (NY-9)* 202-225-6231	<b>Andy Kim</b> (NJ-3)* 202-225-4765	<b>Jamie Raskin</b> (MD-8)* 202-225-5341
<b>Peter DeFazio</b> (OR-4)* 202-225-6416	<b>Alan Lowenthal</b> (CA-47)* 202-225-7924	<b>Bobby Rush</b> (IL-1)* 202-225-4372
<b>Dwight Evans</b> (PA-3)* 202-225-4001	<b>Carolyn Maloney</b> (NY-12)* 202-225-7944	<b>Jackie Speier</b> (CA-14) 202-225-3531
<b>Jimmy Gomez</b> (CA-34) 202-225-6235	<b>Gregory Meeks</b> (NY-5)* 202-225-3461	<b>Susan Wild</b> (PA-7)* 202-225-6411
<b>Al Green</b> (TX-9)* 202-225-7508	<b>Grace Napolitano</b> (CA-32)* 202-225-5256	
<b>Sara Jacobs</b> (CA-53) 202-225-2040	<b>Donald Norcross</b> (NJ-1)* 202-225-6501	

Please email [nancy@peacealliance.org](mailto:nancy@peacealliance.org) to let us know which Congressmembers you called.

Each of us is put here in this time and this place  
to personally decide the future of human-kind.

Did you think you were put here for something less?

- Chief Arvol Looking Horse



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