

# JUNE 2022 ACTION Department of Peacebuilding

## 11 MINUTES/ 11 CALLS For HR 1111

To pass legislation to create a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding (HR 1111/ DoP), we are working together for more cosponsors. Throughout 2022, we are taking monthly actions to call specific lists of Congressional offices to request them to cosponsor HR 1111.

#### **JUNE 2022 ACTION**

Gun-related injuries are the number one cause of death for America's children. "More people have died from guns in the United States since 1968 than on battlefields of all the wars in United States history ... During 2017 and 2018, there was one mass shooting almost every day in the United States. Young people go to school wondering where to hide when a shooter enters their classroom. Each gun injury and fatality results in trauma to family members and loved ones." - Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2021

During June please take 11 minutes to call these 11 members of Congress (or as many as you can). Ask them to cosponsor HR 1111 by contacting Congresswoman Lee's office (<a href="mailto:Gregory.adams@mail.house.gov">Gregory.adams@mail.house.gov</a> or 202-225-2661). Each call takes only a moment. You don't have to be an expert. Just tell them your thoughts about the importance of HR 1111.

#### **JUNE 2022 CALL LIST**

During June 2022, we say **ENOUGH to mass shootings** in our schools, churches, medical buildings, grocery stores, law offices, movie theaters, music events, clubs, festivals. We say **no to our children having to fear gun violence and other violence** in their homes, their streets, their parks. HR 1111 addresses root causes of violence and root conditions of peace. It focuses on violence prevention and inclusion and makes peacebuilding a national priority. **Ask this list to cosponsor HR 1111 -- it is time**:

- Cori Bush (MO-1) 202-225-2406
- Andre Carson (IN-7) 202-225-4011
- Pramila Jayapal (WA-7) 202-225-3106
- Zoe Lofgren (CA-19) 202-225-3072
- **Doris Matsui (CA-6)** 202-225-7163
- Grace Napolitano (CA-32) 202-225-5256
- Adam Smith (WA-9) 202-225-6435
- Darren Soto (FL-9) 202-225-9889
- Mark Takano (CA-41) 202-225-2305
- Ritchie Torres (NY-15) 202-225-4361
- Lori Trahan (MA-3) 202-225-3411

### **RESOURCES**

See <a href="https://www.peacealliance.org/issues-advocacy/department-of-peace">www.peacealliance.org/issues-advocacy/department-of-peace</a> for more information, including:

- Department of Peacebuilding An Overview
- What to Say to Congress About Cosponsoring Dept. of Peacebuilding

#### **FOLLOW-UP**

After making your call(s), if you are inspired to do more: 1) follow up with an email to whoever you spoke with or someone on the Congressperson's legislative staff; <u>and/or</u> 2) call again to make sure your message has been passed on to the Congressmember <u>and</u> to ask if she/he will cosponsor HR 1111. Additionally, please email nancy@peacealliance.org to let us know who you called and/or wrote.



(See www.peacealliance.org/issues-advocacy/department-of-peace & www.peacealliance.org/)

