

AUGUST 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.

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In August 1945, nearly 250,000 people died when the US dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Many others died later or continued to suffer from the wounds of radiation-induced cancer. This existential threat remains. **We must never forget.** "Nagasaki and Hiroshima remind us to **put peace first every day**; to work on conflict prevention and resolution, reconciliation, and dialogue; and to tackle the roots of conflict and violence," said Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

During August, 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 Barbara Lee's office (Gregory.adams@mail.house.gov 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.

AUGUST 2022 CALL LIST

This month we remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki by working for a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding which calls for an Office of Arms Control & Disarmament within the DoP to develop nonviolent strategies to prevent and deter testing or use of offensive or defensive nuclear weapons, weaponized drones, assault weapons, and other weapons of mass destruction. It is time to make peacebuilding a national priority and to establish a cabinet-level Department of Peacebuilding. Ask this list to cosponsor HR 1111:

- Ed Case (HI-1) 202-225-2726
- Emanuel Cleaver (MO-5) 202-225-4535
- Suzan DelBene (WA-1) 202-225-6311
- Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) 202-225-4365
- Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM-3) 202-225-6190
- Steven Horsford (NV-4) 202-225-9894

- Kweisi Mfume (MD-7) 202-225-4741
- Frank Pallone (NJ-6) 202-225-4671
- Mike Quigley (IL-5) 202-225-4061
- Norma Torres (CA-35) 202-225-4361
- Nikema Williams (GA-5) 202-225-3801

RESOURCES

See www.dopcampaign.org for more information, including:

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



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