

# CLUSTER BOMB SURVIVORS TOUR

# **BAN THE BOMB**

# that Keeps on Killing

**October 11, 4–6 pm**

**AACCESS-Ohio**

11555 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44111

**Speakers from Lebanon and Afghanistan, as well as the mother of a Marine killed by a U.S. cluster munition. Photo exhibition. Hors d'oeuvres.**



Cluster bombs or rockets open in mid-air and distribute dozens to hundreds of small bomblets about the size of a softball or a D cell battery over an area as big as two football fields. These weapons kill or maim every living thing in the area where they land. They also leave behind a minefield of unexploded bomblets that keep on killing for years to come.

The vast majority of cluster bombs casualties have been civilians, very many of them children. In the two years following Israel's massive use of these weapons in South Lebanon, more than 300 people have been killed or wounded, and hundreds of thousands of deadly bomblets still litter the land.

The United States has been the leading producer, user and exporter of cluster bombs and rockets over the past 40 years. Finally, in May 2008, more than half of the world's governments—including the closest U.S. military allies—agreed to ban these weapons. But not the United States.

Last year Congress halted cluster bomb exports. Now we must persuade Congress or the next President to ban cluster bomb use. Several mid-western Senators are key to this effort.

**“As a victim of cluster bombs, I propose to those who produce, use and transfer these harmful weapons: Please ban cluster bombs. You would ban them for sure if your own children faced them.”**

–Soraj Ghulam Habib, Afghanistan



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Six year old Iman Koubaisi from Lebanon, wounded in 2006 after playing with a cluster submunition. Come meet other survivors of cluster bombs. Photo by Luis Arnal, sponsored by the American Task Force for Lebanon.

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