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**Act** to stop the U.S. from using these weapons ever again.

**Love** your neighbors by helping fund efforts to clean up unexploded U.S. cluster bombs.

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Many nations have used cluster munitions, but the U.S. has been the largest producer, stockpiler, user and exporter of them. The U.S. has used cluster bombs in civilian-populated areas of 3 countries in the past 10 years.

## What is the world doing?

The Pope, South African Bishop Desmond Tutu, the International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Christian relief group World Vision, among many others, have joined in condemning the use of these weapons.

In May, representatives from more than 100 governments will gather in Dublin, Ireland to finalize a global treaty banning cluster munitions. The U.S. government will not be present.

## What can you do?

Make sure the U.S. never again endangers innocent civilians with cluster bombs by urging your representative and senators to support legislation pending in Congress that would prohibit the use of cluster munitions in civilian-populated areas. The bill is called the "Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act" (S. 594/H.R. 1755). Call or write your legislators today! Contribute to groups clearing mines in Laos!

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