

Ban U.S. Cluster Bombs

Take Action to prevent further U.S. use of cluster bombs

The United States must never again contaminate communities with deadly cluster submunitions! The Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act (S.594/H.R.1755) would require that all U.S. cluster munitions used or exported meet two criteria: 1) they must have a 99% reliability rate so they won't leave behind large minefields following their use, and 2) they can not be used in areas normally populated by civilians. Here are some actions you can take during your April House Party, community event or faith gathering to support this legislation.

Send a Postcard: Have each attendee jot a quick note with his/her name and address on a postcard to his/her Senators and Representative, urging them to co-sponsor S. 594/H.R. 1755. Buy blank postcards for the event, or contact FCNL for copies of the "Hands" postcard, which you can add a note to.

-and/or-

Send a Group Letter: Draft a joint letter to each of your legislators, describing the event, your impressions from "Bombies", and what you would like them to do: co-sponsor the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act (S.594/H.R.1755).

Find the mailing addresses for you legislators' local offices by visiting:

<http://capwiz.com/fconl/directory/congdir.tt>

-and/or-

Do an "All Call": Several (or all) people at the house party place a quick call to their Senators and Representative urging their support for S.594/H.R.1755. If calling on the weekend or in the evening, you will likely have to leave a message on the answering machine, but that's still useful. It's as simple as 1,2,3...

- 1) Look up your Senators' and Representative's phone number for their district office by going to: <http://capwiz.com/fconl/directory/congdir.tt>
- 2) Introduce yourself as a constituent, providing your name and community.
- 3) Let them know you're calling because you're concerned about the impact of cluster bombs on civilians in Laos and other cluster bomb-affected countries (such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Lebanon).
- 4) Ask your Senator (or Representative) to take action to ensure that the U.S. never again harms civilians with cluster bombs, as in Laos, by co-sponsoring the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act (S. 594/H.R. 1755).
- 5) [Optional] Conclude by requesting a meeting with the Senator (or Representative) when s/he is next in town. Provide the name and telephone number of the organizer for the meeting, and request a call back ASAP.

