No Funds for Unconstitutional War with Iran

Vote for the No War Against Iran Act (S. 3159 & H.R. 5543)

The U.S. and Iran are moving closer to war every day. The Trump administration is playing a dangerous game by ordering the assassination of Iranian officials and shutting down diplomacy with Iran. While claiming a desire to end endless war, the administration has rapidly escalated tensions between our two countries, increasing the risk of accidents and miscalculations.

Fortunately, there is growing bipartisan support in the House and Senate to reassert Congress's constitutional war authority and prevent another disastrous Middle East war.

The No War Against Iran Act (S. 3159 & H.R. 5543) would ensure that no federal funds could be used for military action against Iran without congressional authorization – except in response to an attack on America or its armed forces.

Congress must use its power of the purse to prohibit unauthorized war with Iran.

As a Quaker organization, we oppose all war. As a matter of public policy, we believe Congress must debate and vote before the president commits our military to lethal action and should regularly evaluate and vote on whether to continue ongoing U.S. wars.

- The Administration’s escalation of threats, drone strikes, and war planning is destabilizing and dangerous. A U.S. war with Iran would be catastrophic for human lives, national security, and the health of the planet. Diplomacy and international cooperation are the only paths to lasting security.
- Article I of the Constitution states that only Congress has the power to declare war. Congress has not authorized military action against Iran, and therefore should not permit funds to be used for that purpose.
- Article II of the Constitution authorizes the president, as commander in chief, to use military force to repel sudden attacks against the United States, even without congressional authorization. Prohibiting the use of funds for unauthorized war would not interfere with the ability of the president to defend our country against attack.

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