

Organizational Statement of Support
Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act

We – the undersigned human rights, humanitarian, faith, anti-genocide, peace and other organizations – support the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act (S.1158, H.R.3030) introduced by Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and their colleagues, and the House bill introduced by Representatives Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), Joe Crowley (D-N.Y.), and their colleagues.

The bills establish a Mass Atrocities Task Force, require training for Foreign Service Officers in violent conflict and atrocities prevention, require reporting from both the Department of State and Director for National Intelligence, and establish the Complex Crises Fund. These are critical tools that are needed to ensure the U.S. government is able to more effectively prevent atrocities.

Preventing genocide and mass atrocities advances U.S. national security interests, saves taxpayer dollars, and saves lives. As Syria demonstrates, the outbreak of atrocities leads to significant consequences for countries and regions around the world, contributing to the rise in failed states and ungoverned spaces, feeding into the possibility for repeated cycles of violence, and resulting in expanded costs. The outbreak of such violence also undermines American leadership, values, and economic interests.

However, with high-level policy prioritization, and the right tools and resources, the U.S. government can work to more effectively prevent and respond early to the outbreak of atrocities. Importantly, we believe that the Elie Wiesel Act is a necessary step toward continuing long-standing bipartisan Congressional leadership in support of prevention by advancing a more comprehensive toolkit capable of addressing rising challenges.

We urge members of Congress to co-sponsor and quickly pass the Elie Wiesel Act into law.

1. 21st Century Wilberforce Initiative – Washington, D.C.
2. Act for Sudan – Boston, Massachusetts
3. African Soul, American Heart – Fargo, North Dakota
4. Alliance for Peacebuilding – Washington, D.C.
5. American Psychological Association – Washington, D.C.
6. Anne Frank Center for Mutual Respect – New York, New York
7. Armenian National Committee of America – Washington, D.C.
8. American Jewish Committee – Washington, D.C.
9. Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation – New York, New York
10. Baha'is of the United States – Washington, D.C.
11. Better World Campaign – Washington, D.C.
12. CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center – Terre Haute, Indiana
13. Carl Wilkens Fellowship – multiple states
14. The Center for Holocaust and Humanity Education – Cincinnati, Ohio
15. Center for Justice and Accountability – San Francisco, California
16. The Center for Victims of Torture – St. Paul, Minnesota
17. Charity & Security Network – Washington, D.C.
18. Church of the Brethren, Office of Public Witness – Washington, D.C.

19. Church World Service - National
20. Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College – Keene, New Hampshire
21. Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action – Denver, Colorado
22. Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach – Washington, D.C.
23. Conference of Superiors of Men (Catholic) – Silver Spring, Maryland
24. Darfur Action Group of South Carolina – Columbia, South Carolina
25. Darfur and Beyond – Phoenix, Arizona
26. Disciples Center for Public Witness – Washington, D.C.
27. The Educators' Institute for Human Rights – Washington, D.C.
28. Friends Committee on National Legislation – Washington, D.C.
29. Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide – Atlanta, Georgia
30. Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect – New York, New York
31. Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Project – Rochester, New York
32. Humanity Is Us – New York, New York
33. iACT – Redondo Beach, California
34. International Crisis Group – Washington, D.C.
35. International Justice Project – Newark, New Jersey
36. Investors Against Genocide – San Francisco, California
37. Invisible Children – Washington, D.C.
38. Jewish Council for Public Affairs – New York, New York
39. Jewish World Watch – Los Angeles, California
40. JPIC Committee of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia – Aston, Pennsylvania
41. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns – Washington, D.C.
42. Massachusetts Coalition for Darfur – Boston, Massachusetts
43. National Council of Churches – Washington, D.C.
44. Never Again Coalition – Portland, Oregon
45. Operation Broken Silence – Memphis, Tennessee
46. Oxfam America – Washington, D.C.
47. Pax Christi International – Washington, D.C.
48. PC(USA) Office of Public Witness – Washington, D.C.
49. Peace Direct – Washington, D.C.
50. Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
51. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – Washington, D.C.
52. Project C.U.R.E. – Denver, Colorado
53. Purchase College – Purchase, New York
54. Refugees International – Washington, D.C.
55. San Antonio Coalition Against Genocide – San Antonio, Texas
56. San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition – San Francisco, California
57. Search for Common Ground – Washington, D.C.
58. Shalom Austin – Austin, Texas
59. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Institute Justice Team – Silver Spring, Maryland
60. STAND: The Student-Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities – Washington, D.C.
61. Stop Genocide Now – Redondo Beach, California
62. United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries – Washington, D.C.
63. United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society – Washington, D.C.
64. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants – Arlington, Virginia
65. World Without Genocide at Mitchell Hamline School of Law – St. Paul, Minnesota