

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Senators,

We urge you to vote in favor of [SJRes 7](#), which invokes the War Powers Resolution of 1973 to end unconstitutional U.S. military participation in the Saudi-led coalition's military campaign in Yemen introduced by Senators Sanders, Lee, and Murphy.

The war in Yemen has helped create the largest humanitarian crisis in the world, according to the UN, with roughly 12 million people at risk of famine. Aid agencies have described Yemen as worst place in the world to be a child--the conflict has claimed the lives of at least [85,000 children](#) under the age of five from hunger and disease. More than 1 million people have been infected with cholera, with an alarming 10,000 new cases each week. All of the parties have demonstrated a near-total indifference to the welfare of Yemeni civilians. In one particularly harmful example of this, the Saudi-led coalition has imposed a de-facto blockade on Yemen and impeded the flow of food, fuel, and medicine, pushing prices of essential goods out of reach for millions of Yemenis.

On December 13th, 2018, the U.S. Senate, led by Bernie Sanders, Mike Lee and Chris Murphy, passed an identical measure, [SJRes 54](#), with a 56-member bipartisan majority.

Aid group Oxfam America [noted](#), "It was no coincidence that on the same day the Senate passed the War Powers Resolution in December 2018, we saw the most substantive and encouraging breakthroughs in peace talks," and upon its reintroduction this year, declared, "It's time to remind the world that Americans will not stand by while our government further imperils millions of innocent people caught in a bloody, senseless war."

Furthermore, it is clear that aspects of the United States' involvement in Yemen are fully outside of the scope of the Constitution and fly in the face of the explicit delegation of war powers to Congress in Article I. James Madison, the "father of the Constitution," once wrote, "The constitution supposes, what the history of all governments demonstrates, that the executive is the branch of power most interested in war, and most prone to it. It has accordingly with studied care, vested the question of war in the legislature."

We urge the Senate to reassert Congress's authority over war and peace by passing [SJRes 7](#). We ask that you vote in favor of this bill to send a clear signal to the Executive Branch that unconstitutional U.S. participation in the Saudi-led coalition's military campaign in Yemen must end.

Thank you for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Action Corps  
Action Corps NYC  
American Friends Service Committee

Antiwar.com  
Arabian Rights Watch Association  
Avaaz

Center for International Policy  
Chicago Area Peace Action  
Chicago Area Peace Action - DePaul  
Chicago Area Peace Action - Loyola  
Church of the Brethren Office of  
Peacebuilding and Policy  
Churches for Middle East Peace  
Coalition for Peace Action  
CodePink  
Committee For Responsible Foreign Policy  
Common Defense  
Conference of Superiors of Men (Catholic)  
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the  
Good Shepherd, US Provinces  
Council for a Livable World  
CREDO  
Demand Progress  
Environmentalists Against the War  
Foreign Policy for America  
Franciscan Action Network  
FreedomWorks  
Friends Committee on National Legislation  
In Defense of Christians  
Indivisible  
Institute for Policy Studies, New  
Internationalism Project  
Jewish World Watch  
Just Foreign Policy  
Leadership Conference of Women  
Religious  
Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns  
Massachusetts Peace Action  
Middle East Crisis Committee  
MoveOn  
MPower Change  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of  
the Good Shepherd

National Religious Campaign Against  
Torture  
New Hampshire Peace Action  
New Jersey Peace Action  
Nonviolence International  
Open Society Policy Center  
Oxfam America  
Pax Christi International  
Peace Action  
Peace Action Baltimore  
Peace Action Maine  
Peace Action Montgomery (Maryland)  
Peace Action Network of Lancaster  
Peace Action New York State  
Peace Direct  
People Demanding Action  
Ploughshares Fund  
Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Sisters of Charity, BVM  
STAND, The Student-Led Movement to  
End Mass Atrocities  
Stop Genocide Now  
Students for Yemen  
The Libertarian institute  
The United Methodist Church, General  
Board of Church and Society  
Truman National Security Project  
United Church of Christ, Justice and  
Witness Ministries  
United for Peace and Justice  
VoteVets  
Win Without War  
Women Coalition of NYC  
Women's March  
World Beyond War  
Yemeni Alliance Committee  
Yemen Freedom Council  
Yemen Peace Project