

Advocacy Teams

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Legislative Ask for May 2022

Lobby Congress to Introduce and Support a Yemen War Powers Resolution.

The 60-day Ramadan truce between the Saudi-led coalition and the Houthi group that began April 1 has allowed Yemenis to live free from airstrikes for **the longest period since the war began** over seven years ago. At the end of April, fuel ships had already entered the port of Hodeida as part of the terms of the truce, bringing hope to the millions facing hunger and famine.

Nevertheless, we know that the future remains uncertain. In late April, the first flight scheduled to fly from the Sana'a airport was cancelled after permits for the flight were denied. We know that our advocacy is contributing to the pressure on the warring parties to transform this temporary truce into lasting peace.

In late April, nearly 70 organizations signed a coalition letter calling for a Yemen War Powers Resolution, and a bipartisan group of legislators is preparing to introduce this legislation soon. Last month, over 30 members of Congress urged Secretary of State Antony Blinken to re-evaluate the U.S. relationship with Saudi Arabia. These efforts send a strong message that the United States does not support a resumption of the war.

We must stand firm in our values, and the first step is to end U.S. support for the war in Yemen.

This month, legislators need to know that constituents are paying attention to congressional action on Yemen. This is an important moment to request a meeting with your members of Congress to share the latest updates. It is also a critical time to mobilize others in your community to join you in calling for an end to U.S. support for the Saudi-led war in Yemen. Our voices can tip the scales towards a lasting peace.

Read more background about our ask here: fcnl.org/ATBackgrounder



Actions to Take in May

Ask your members of Congress to co-sponsor and publicly support a Yemen War Powers Resolution!

- Schedule a lobby visit, and use the opportunity to share this coalition statement and this letter from 32 members of Congress.
- Organize a call-in day in your community to show your members that constituents are paying attention to their actions on Yemen.