

## Urge Armed Services Committee Leadership to Repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF in the NDAA

The 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq (2002 Iraq AUMF) authorized war against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi regime. That war was declared over in 2011. Bipartisan majorities in Congress support repealing this outdated law, which is not needed for current operations but is open to abuse.

The House version of the [National Defense Authorization Act](#) for fiscal year 2023 (NDAA) includes a provision to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF (Sec. 1229A). In June 2021, the House [voted overwhelmingly](#) to repeal this AUMF. The [bipartisan Senate bill](#) to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF, from Sens. Tim Kaine (VA) and Todd Young (IN), currently has 48 cosponsors, including 11 Republicans. The White House has also [publicly expressed support](#) for repealing the 2002 Iraq AUMF.

As a Quaker organization, FCNL opposes 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### The 2002 Iraq AUMF should be repealed because:

- » **It is not needed for existing operations.** The executive branch relies on a different authority, the 2001 AUMF, as the legal basis for all current military operations.
- » **It is Congress's job to decide when the United States goes to war.** Leaving an obsolete war authorization on the books in case the president may want to use it for a future operation is an abdication of Congress's Article I constitutional duty to declare war.
- » **It remains open to further abuse.** In January 2020, the 2002 Iraq AUMF was misused to justify the assassination of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani. Congress should prevent any further abuse of this outdated law.

[Read more about the 2002 Iraq AUMF here.](#)

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