

Urge Congress to End Unlawful Boat Strikes and Prevent War in Venezuela

As Congress returns from the holidays, members of Congress are at a crossroads. After decades of advocacy from FCNL and other coalition partners, Congress has finally repealed the 1991 and 2002 Authorizations for Military Force (AUMF) in Iraq, a key first step towards ending the forever wars. This is a major victory! At the same time, the United States is on the brink of starting a new war, this time with Venezuela. In many ways, it has already begun.

In 2025, the administration conducted at least 20 strikes on boats in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, killing at least 90 people. It has also deployed substantial military assets to the Caribbean, including an aircraft carrier, fighter jets, drones, and approximately 15,000 personnel, while threatening land strikes and a wider war with Venezuela. This escalation, undertaken without authorization from Congress, is illegal.

Drug trafficking is a crime and should be addressed through the judicial system. Extrajudicial killings, conducted without evidence or a trial, must stop immediately. Fortunately, members of both parties have raised serious concerns and introduced War Powers Resolutions to end the unlawful strikes at sea and prevent a war with Venezuela.

This moment demands urgent action. In January, Advocacy Teams will request meetings with Senate offices and urge Senators to vote for S.J. Res. 98, a bipartisan War Powers Resolution to end the unlawful boat strikes and prevent a war with Venezuela. *A vote could happen as soon as this month, so please submit your meeting requests as quickly as possible.*

Read more about the ask at fcnl.org/teamtoolkit

Ask for January

Request a meeting with each Senator to urge them to vote for S.J. Res 98.

Bonus Action

Schedule time for your team to share a meal, build community, and strategize for the year ahead by filling out FCNL's new [strategy chart](#) for each of your members.