

End this War, Not a Penny More!

May 1 marked 60 days since the President first notified Congress that he had begun the war on Iran. Under the War Powers Act of 1973, any war waged by the President must receive congressional approval to continue past these 60 days. The Trump administration has shown no intention of seeking that approval. Secretary Hegseth and President Trump [have both argued](#) that a ceasefire that began on April 7 or 8 paused the 60-day clock. But the ongoing U.S. blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, including the exchanges of fire between U.S. and Iranian vessels, is an act of war and constitutes continued hostilities. For more on how the Iran war is “triple illegal” (under international, constitutional, and U.S. statutory law), see this [op-ed in Just Security](#).

As we enter uncharted territory, our Advocacy Teams must advocate strategically. Democrats largely oppose the war and have supported War Powers Resolutions directing the president to end it, but many have not clearly committed to opposing funding for it. Increased lobbying can push Democrats to publicly reject additional war funding. For Republicans, opposing funding is a difficult ask; supporting War Powers Resolutions is more achievable. Now that the 60-day mark has passed, more Republican offices are uncomfortable without authorization. Additional outreach could lead to meaningful shifts.

This month, Advocacy Teams can help in two key ways: First, by lobbying your members of Congress that have not heard from you yet. So far, teams have reached 20% of Congress—imagine the impact if that reached 40%! With tailored asks for both parties, every team has a strategic ask. Second, by scheduling meetings with during the May 26–29 Memorial Day recess. These are an opportunity to speak clearly: *end this war and not a penny more!*

[Read more about the ask at fcnl.org/teamtoolkit](https://fcnl.org/teamtoolkit)

Dem Ask

Co-Sponsor the No War Appropriations Via Reconciliation Act, or the [No WAR Act \(H.R. 8592\)](#). Senators should make a public statement of support for no funding.

GOP Ask

Support the Iran War Powers Resolutions.

Bonus Action

Join our Memorial Day Recess planning call on May 8 at 12 p.m. ET ([Zoom Link](#)) to learn more about our recess campaign and make a plan to lobby your Members of Congress on blocking funding for war with Iran and ending the war.