

# TOOLKIT

## RESOURCES FOR A MASS CAMPAIGN FOR

# PEACE

## LEGISLATION



## **BUILD A MOVEMENT TO TELL CONGRESS: FUND PEACE AND HUMAN NEEDS, NOT WAR AND PROFITEERING**

A majority in our country support cutting Pentagon spending, and an end to nuclear weapons to reinvest those funds for job-creating and climate-saving human needs that can end poverty.

A majority in our country support an immediate cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine.

*Bring the flier to your neighbors, co-workers, union, community organizations.  
Circulate petitions, write letters to the editor, share on social media.*

**Ask your member of Congress to co-sponsor these four bills that will change priorities and put PEACE, CLIMATE and HUMAN NEEDS first:**

## **CEASE-FIRE IN ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED PALESTINE**

A *Data for Progress* poll Oct. 18–19 found 66% of Americans support a U.S. call for a ceasefire.

### **HR 786: Calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine**

The resolution calls for a cease-fire and humanitarian aid to Gaza. Introduced by Rep. Cori Bush and 18 co-sponsors.

<https://govtrack.us/congress/bills/118/hres786>

## **PEOPLE OVER PENTAGON ACT**

A 2023 poll by YouGov found 56% of U.S. adults support cutting Pentagon spending, and reinvesting those funds in programs that benefit everyone, like pandemic recovery, health care, and jobs.

### **HR 1134: People over Pentagon Act 2023**

would cut the military budget by \$100 billion. Introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee and 20 co-sponsors.

<https://congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1134/cosponsors>

## **TREATY ON PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

A majority don't want a world with nuclear weapons. According to the 2020 Chicago Council Survey two-thirds of Americans (66%) believe that no country should be allowed to have nuclear weapons.

### **HR 77: Embracing the goals and provisions of the Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**

Introduced by Rep. Jim McGovern and 40 co-sponsors.

<https://congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/77/cosponsors>

Ask your town council to join 75 other municipalities and pass a resolution in support of the

Treaty on Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: <https://preventnuclearwar.org/h-res-77-resources>

Municipalities that passed resolutions: <https://preventnuclearwar.org/municipalities-and-states>

## **THIRD RECONSTRUCTION**

The Poor People's Campaign omnibus vision to restructure our society from the bottom up and address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and militarism.

### **HR 532: Third Reconstruction: Fully Addressing Poverty and Low Wages from the Bottom Up**

Introduced by Rep. Barbara Lee and 23 co-sponsors.

<https://legiscan.com/US/bill/HR532/2023>

Summary and bill information at the Poor People's Campaign:

<https://poorpeoplescampaign.org/join-us-as-we-build-the-third-reconstruction>

Track the bill introduced June 23, 2023 at govtrack: <https://govtrack.us/congress/bills/118/hres532>

## **CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS**

102 Members: <https://progressives.house.gov/caucus-members>

Peace and Security Task Force: Rep. Barbara Lee (Chair) Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman Rep. Ro Khanna

### **Congressional Progressive Caucus Leaders Condemn Pentagon Authorization Bill (7/24/23)**

<https://progressives.house.gov/press-releases?ID=86EC2648-D087-4E2B-9E7F-D3F0F3F7DABD>

### **Defense Spending Reduction Caucus 2022:**

[https://www.legistorm.com/organization/summary/168478/Defense\\_Spending\\_Reduction\\_Caucus.html](https://www.legistorm.com/organization/summary/168478/Defense_Spending_Reduction_Caucus.html)

# IMMEDIATE PROJECT: CEASEFIRE IN ISRAEL / PALESTINE

## **H.Res. 786: Calling for an immediate deescalation and cease-fire in Israel and occupied Palestine.**

**TEXT:** Whereas all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith or ethnicity, is a violation of international humanitarian law;

**Whereas**, between October 7 and October 16, 2023, armed violence has claimed the lives of over 2,700 Palestinians and over 1,400 Israelis, including Americans, and wounded thousands more;

**Whereas** hundreds of thousands of lives are at imminent risk if a cease-fire is not achieved and humanitarian aid is not delivered without delay; and

**Whereas** the Federal Government holds immense diplomatic power to save Israeli and Palestinian lives: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representatives

**(1) urges the Biden administration to immediately call for and facilitate deescalation and a cease-fire to urgently end the current violence; and**

**(2) calls upon the Biden administration to promptly send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian assistance into Gaza.**

**Introduced October 16, 2023 by Rep Cori Bush.**

**17 cosponsors as of Oct 24, 2023.**

Bush, Cori [D-MO1]	Primary Sponsor
Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY16]	Original Cosponsor
Carson, André [D-IN7]	Original Cosponsor
García, Jesús "Chuy" [D-IL4]	Original Cosponsor
Jackson, Jonathan [D-IL1]	Original Cosponsor
Lee, Summer [D-PA12]	Original Cosponsor
Ocasio-Cortez, Alexandria [D-NY14]	Original Cosponsor
Omar, Ilhan [D-MN5]	Original Cosponsor
Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA7]	Original Cosponsor
Ramirez, Delia [D-IL3]	Original Cosponsor
Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI12]	Original Cosponsor
Velázquez, Nydia [D-NY7]	Original Cosponsor
Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ12]	Original Cosponsor
Casar, Gregorio [D-TX35]	Oct 18, 2023
Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA7]	Oct 18, 2023
Lee, Barbara [D-CA12]	Oct 18, 2023
Adams, Alma [D-NC12]	Oct 19, 2023
Frost, Maxwell [D-FL10]	Oct 20, 2023

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**Watch the full press call:**

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=5P1weZi2Hz4>

**Sign-on to support the resolution:**

<https://actionnetwork.org/forms/demand-a-ceasefire-now>

**Write your Representative:**

<https://rootsaction.org/cosponsor-ceasefire-resolution>

**People's World coverage:**

<https://peoplesworld.org/article/ranks-of-u-s-lawmakers-demanding-gaza-ceasefire-grow>

**Organizational Endorsements:**

350.org, About Face: Veterans Against the War, Action Center on Race & the Economy, Adalah Justice Project, American Federation of Ramallah, Palestine (AFRP), American Muslims for Palestine, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Americans for Justice in Palestine Action, Arab American Institute, Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC), Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, Center for Civilians in Conflict, Center for Constitutional Rights, Center for Jewish Nonviolence, Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Defense for Children International - Palestine, Democracy for the Arab World Now (DAWN), Dream Defenders, EMGAGE Action, Freedom Forward, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Highlander Research & Education, Hindus for Human Rights, IfNotNow, Institute for Middle Eastern Understanding, Institute for Policy Studies New Internationalism Project, The Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development, Jewish Voice for Peace Action, Just Foreign Policy, MADRE, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Movement Law Lab, MPower Change Action Fund, Pax Christi USA, Peace Action, Progressive Jews of St. Louis, Project48, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, ReThinking Foreign Policy, RootsAction.org, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas Institute Justice Team, Transgender Law Center, United Church of Christ, US Campaign for Palestinian Rights (USCPR), US Council for Muslim Organizations, Women Cross DMZ, and Working Families Party.

A list of all endorsement quotes can be found:

[https://bush.house.gov/imo/media/doc/ceasefire\\_now\\_resolution\\_endorsement\\_quotes.pdf](https://bush.house.gov/imo/media/doc/ceasefire_now_resolution_endorsement_quotes.pdf)

**CO-SPONSORS OF HR 1134 and H RES 77 and HR 532 AS OF SEPT 1, 2023**

State	Representative	HR 1134	H Res 77	HR 532	Progressive Caucus
AZ	Grijalva	Yes	Yes		Yes
CA	Lee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CA	DeSaulnier	Yes		Yes	Yes
CA	Huffman	Yes	Yes		Yes
CA	Barragan	Yes			Yes
CA	Chu		Yes		Yes
CA	Mullin		Yes		
CA	Lofgren		Yes		Yes
CA	Vargas			Yes	Yes
CA	Khanna			Yes	Yes
CA	Lieu			Yes	Yes
CA	Eshoo			Yes	
DC	Holmes-Norton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HI	Tokuda		Yes		Yes
IL	Garcia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IL	Ramirez	Yes	Yes		Yes
IL	Schakowsky	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IL	Davis		Yes		Yes
ME	Pingree		Yes		Yes
MD	Raskin	Yes	Yes		Yes
MD	Ivey		Yes		
MA	McGovern	Yes		Yes	Yes
MA	Neal		Yes		
MA	Pressley		Yes		Yes
MI	Tlaib	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MI	Thanedar	Yes	Yes		Yes
MN	Omar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MS	Thompson			Yes	
MO	Bush	Yes		Yes	Yes
NJ	Watson-Coleman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NJ	Pallone		Yes		Yes
NJ	Kim		Yes		Yes
NJ	Payne		Yes		
NJ	Pascrell		Yes		
NY	Ocasio-Cortez	Yes	Yes		Yes
NY	Clarke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
NY	Bowman			Yes	Yes
NY	Torres			Yes	Yes
NC	Foushee			Yes	Yes
OR	Blumenauer	Yes	Yes		Yes
OR	Bonamici		Yes		Yes
OR	Salinas		Yes		Yes
PA	Lee		Yes		Yes
TX	Casar		Yes		Yes
TX	Jackson-Lee		Yes	Yes	Yes
TX	Doggett		Yes		Yes
TX	Garcia			Yes	Yes
WA	Jayapal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WI	Pocan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WI	Moore		Yes		Yes

# BACK FROM THE BRINK LOCAL RESOLUTIONS (H.RES 77)

## STATE AND MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS / H.RES 77 AS OF SEPT 10, 2023

<https://preventnuclearwar.org/municipalities-and-states>

AZ – Tucson	MA – Needham
CA – State Legislature	MA – Newton
CA – Arcata	MA – Northampton
CA – Atherton	MA – Plainfield
CA – Berkeley	MA – Somerville
CA-- Carlsbad	MA – Springfield
CA – Eureka	MA – Wendell
CA – Los Angeles	MA – Williamsburg
CA – Menlo Park	MA – Windsor
CA – Ojai	MA – Worcester
CA – San Francisco	MN – Minneapolis
CA – Santa Barbara	MN – St Paul
CA – Santa Monica	NH – Alstead
CT -- New Haven	NH – Barrington
HI – Honolulu	NH – Dover
IL – Chicago	NH – Durham
IL – Evanston	NH – Exeter
IA – Des Moines	NH – Lee
IA – Johnson County	NH – Peterborough
IN – Bloomington	NH – Portsmouth
ME – State Senate	NJ – Warner
ME – Bangor	NJ – State Assembly
ME – Portland	NY – Ithaca
ME – Hallowell	NY – Lansing
ME – South Portland	NY – Syracuse
MD – Baltimore	NC – Asheville
MD-- Frederick	OR – State Legislature
MD – Montgomery County	OR – Milwaukie
MD – Prince Georges County	OR – Portland
MA – Amherst	OR – Salem
MA – Brookline	PA – Philadelphia
MA – Boston	RI – State Senate
MA – Cambridge	RI – East Providence
MA – Cummington	UT – Salt Lake City
MA – Easthampton	VT – South Burlington
MA – Goshen	VT – Wilooski
MA – Holyoke	WI – Milwaukee County
MA – Leverett	Washington DC
MA – Marshfield	