

# MASSACHUSETTS **Peace Action**



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## **Become an *Organizational Member* of Peace Action**

### **Strengthen the voice of peace and justice at home and in DC**

Formed in 1957, Peace Action is the nation's largest grassroots peace and justice organization-- with 100,000 members in affiliates or chapters in 20 states. Our mission is to support human rights and democracy at home and abroad, reduce and eliminate the threat from weapons of mass destruction, and promote a foreign policy that supports cooperation with the world community. We work to transfer public funds from military spending to human needs. Massachusetts Peace Action is the state's largest membership-based peace and justice organization; our work involves legislative, electoral, educational and community-based efforts.

Our members are effective, persistent advocates for peace and justice locally, nationally and internationally. Our track record wins accolades from Congressional allies and local leaders. We've helped block new weapons programs, built support for ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, strengthened support for international arms treaties and to transfer funds from military spending to human needs. As a state-wide affiliate, Massachusetts Peace Action was critical in the success of New START; we educate and lobby our Congressional representatives, inform voters, and support state-wide coalitions for peace and justice.

### **Participate in state-wide and national networks**

Organizational members participate in Peace Action's state-wide and national grassroots campaigns, organizers' meetings, regional and national conferences, and national network conference calls. Organizational membership helps strengthen your coalition and advocacy work.

### **Access to peace and justice resources – on line and in print**

Organizational members receive Peace Action newsletters, literature and program materials that can help with their local organizing efforts, and have access to Peace Action online resources as well as technical assistance from our state office and other members of the national Peace Action network. We can help arrange speakers, films, workshops, and help develop campaign plans.

### **High benefits at low cost**

Organizational membership costs only \$75 for a local group and \$150 for a national group. For a full description of organizational membership benefits, turn over or check the MAPA website.

***For more information ... call or email [info@masspeaceaction.org](mailto:info@masspeaceaction.org)***

*Organizational membership status **does not allow** the use of the Peace Action name as part of your group's name – although we welcome organizational members to note their association with Peace Action.*

# **Peace Action Organizational Member Status**

## ***For Massachusetts Organizations***

### **The benefits of organizational member status for your organization:**

- Receive Peace Action's newsletters (three of the organization's leaders receive both the national and state newsletters)
- Your group's leaders may also subscribe to Peace Action national and state listserves (except for board listserves)
- Participate in Peace Action's national and state grassroots organizing campaigns; coordinate strategy on outreach, organizing, lobbying, pressure.
- Promote your events on the Massachusetts Peace Action (MAPA) website, Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- Participate as observers at MAPA Board meetings and as full member in committee/campaign meetings
- Participate in bi-weekly national strategy conference calls and annual meetings
- Technical assistance, support and materials from the national and state staff, as well as colleagues in the Peace Action affiliate network
- Support Peace Action's efforts for a peaceful and just world. Recognition on the Mass. Peace Action website as an organizational member
- Explore chapter status with Massachusetts Peace Action in the future

### **Restrictions that apply to Organizational Members**

Peace Action is organized by state-wide affiliates that in turn support local chapters. Organizational members are a third opportunity to be part of the Peace Action network; they are encouraged to note their association with Peace Action, but have their own members and structure and do not use Peace Action as part of their organizational name.

**The annual fee** for an "organizational member" is \$75 for a state or local organization, and \$150 for a national organization; membership fees are shared between the national office and state affiliate.