

Support Diplomacy with North Korea

Congress has an important role to play in supporting the diplomatic process by encouraging the Trump administration to pursue a staged, reciprocal approach to negotiations, and pressuring the administration to abandon counterproductive policies.

House

- **Co-sponsor H.Res. 152 introduced by Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)** calling for the signing of a peace agreement to formally end the Korean War, for the administration to present a diplomatic strategy to Congress, and for other important steps to advance diplomacy.

Both Senate and House

- **Speak out in support of diplomacy and the pursuit of a peace agreement with North Korea.** Support the signing of a declaration of the end the Korean war. Give a floor speech, write an op-ed, or do other media outreach to support diplomacy with North Korea, support the pursuit of a peace agreement, and oppose any preventive military action.
- **Engage the administration** in policy discussions focused on a process of reciprocal security guarantees and work to extract a diplomatic plan from the administration. Oppose further sanctions and punitive legislation while talks are ongoing, and support citizen and parliamentary diplomacy.
- **Protect humanitarian operations in North Korea** by holding hearings on the humanitarian situation and pressuring the administration to strengthen humanitarian sanctions exemptions and rescind travel restrictions.

Reduce the Threat of Nuclear Weapons

President Trump's threats and statements on nuclear weapons illustrate the need to change our nuclear arsenal's command and control structure and oppose a new nuclear arms race.

Both Senate and House

- **Co-sponsor the *Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act*, S. 200 introduced by Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA), or H.R. 669 introduced by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)** to prohibit the president from launching a nuclear first strike without a declaration of war from Congress that expressly authorizes such a strike.
- **Co-sponsor S. 272 introduced by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, or H.R. 921 introduced by Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA)**, to establish a no-first-use policy regarding nuclear weapons.
- **Co-sponsor the *Hold the LYNE Act*, S. 401 introduced by Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA), or H.R. 1086 introduced by Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)** to prohibit the research and development, production, and deployment of the Trident D5 low-yield nuclear warhead.
- **Co-sponsor S. 312 introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), or H.R. 1249 introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI)**, to block funding for nuclear weapons banned by the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.
- **Co-sponsor S. 845 introduced by Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ)** calling for the extension of the New START Treaty.
- **Become an original co-sponsor of the *Smarter Approaches to Nuclear Expenditures (SANE) Act*** to reduce nuclear weapons spending. Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) will introduce a Senate version, and a House bill will follow.
- **Make statements** opposing the \$1.7 trillion plus (adjusted for inflation) nuclear weapons spending spree, and supporting international arms control agreements.
- **Support increased funding for nonproliferation programs.**

Support Peace in the Middle East

To advance a more responsible and strategic foreign policy in the Middle East, Congress needs to exercise its constitutional authority and oversight over questions of war and peace.

Senate

- **Co-sponsor S.J.Res. 12** introduced by **Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) and Tom Udall (D-NM)** to withdraw U.S. forces from Afghanistan, sunset the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF), and give U.S. service members who were deployed in support of the Global War on Terror a \$2,500 bonus.
- **Co-sponsor S.J.Res. 13** introduced by **Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)** to repeal the 2002 Iraq War AUMF.

House

- **Vote YES on S.J.Res. 7**, introduced by **Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)**, directing the president to withdraw U.S. military support for the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen, and support passage of a clean version of this legislation to ensure it reaches the president's desk.
- **Co-sponsor H.R. 643** introduced by **Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA)** to prohibit the provision of United States security assistance to the Government of Saudi Arabia.
- **Co-sponsor H.R. 1274** introduced by **Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA)** to repeal the 2001 AUMF.

Both Senate and House

- **Give a floor speech, write an op-ed, or do other media outreach** calling for an end to U.S. military support and arms sales to the Saudi-led coalition in Yemen.
- **Support efforts to repeal or sunset the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs**, oppose any new AUMFs, and call for a debate and vote prior to any further military action.
- **Oppose legislation or amendments that could further undermine the Iran Nuclear Agreement**, including sanctions that harm the general population of Iran.
- **Oppose legislation** that seeks to criminalize support for international boycotts of Israel, or that seeks to conflate support for boycotts of Israel or criticism of Israel with anti-semitism.
- **Make statements** opposing further U.S. military involvement in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan.
- **Make statements** supporting the Iran Nuclear Agreement and efforts to salvage it in the wake of President Trump's withdrawal, and sounding the alarm about the Trump administration's possible pursuit of war with Iran.
- **Make statements** in support of Palestinian rights, and against Israeli policies that undermine Palestinian rights and that undermine prospects for peace.

Support Diplomacy, Oppose Military Intervention in Venezuela

Both Senate and House

- **Co-sponsor S.J.Res. 11** introduced by **Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)**, or **H.R. 1004** introduced by **Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI)**, to prohibit the use of funds for military action in Venezuela without congressional approval.
- **Make statements** opposing military intervention in Venezuela, opposing sanctions that harm the general population of Venezuela, and supporting diplomatic efforts to resolve the political standoff in Venezuela.

Rein in the Pentagon Budget

Both Senate and House

- **Support the Congressional Progressive Caucus' People's Budget.**
- **Support eliminating the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) slush fund.**