

Subject: **CoSponsorship of Department of Peacebuilding Legislation (H.R. 1111)**
The gift of peace on earth lies in each of our hands!

Dear Representative _____,

Please cosponsor H.R.1111, the U.S. Department of Peacebuilding legislation introduced by Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA13).

The bill calls for collaboration in the public and private sectors to **research and address the root causes of violence by promoting and sustaining cost effective and proven peacebuilding programs and policies**, such as:

- nonviolent conflict resolution in schools** so that students and staff are free from bullying and harassment by implementing curricula in nonviolent conflict resolution education for teachers, students, parents, and the local community
- supportive family services**, such as mental health treatment, parenting classes, domestic violence prevention, gang prevention, substance abuse prevention
- restorative justice programs in the criminal justice system** to bring together offenders, victims, and community members to repair harm through accountability and rehabilitation
- international conflict resolution efforts** that bring all stakeholders together to engage in nonviolent problem solving and conflict resolution
- promotion of a peace time economy** that encourages the conservation and sustainability of natural resources to prevent future conflicts regarding scarce resources

It is past time to create a department in our government that focuses on peacebuilding. Thank you for all you do on behalf of peace and justice. **Please help move our nation in the direction of making peace and peacebuilding a national priority by cosponsoring H. R. 1111. To cosponsor, contact Representative Lee's office (Diala Jadallah (diala.jadallah@mail.house.gov)).** I request a response to this letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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