

Alliance for Peacebuilding Members and Coalition Partners Welcome Bipartisan Legislation to Reduce Global Violence

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WASHINGTON, DC – Over 40 Alliance for Peacebuilding members and partners welcome S. 3368, the Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act of 2018, introduced by Senators Chris Coons (D-DE), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Todd Young (R-IN), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) in the United States Senate on August 22nd.

This timely legislation comes at a moment when violent conflict has forcibly displaced a record 68.5 million people and costs the world an estimated \$14.76 trillion annually. There is an urgent need to improve the U.S. government's ability to reverse these trends and prevent future conflict.

The Global Fragility and Violence Reduction Act would require the U.S. Department of State, in partnership with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the U.S. Department of Defense, and other federal agencies, to develop a new strategy to reduce and prevent violent conflict. It would give the U.S. government the tools it needs for a long-term, coordinated approach to identify and mitigate the drivers of violence in order to prevent conflict.

S. 3368 follows H.R. 5273, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Representatives Eliot Engel (D-NY), Ted Poe (R-TX), Michael McCaul (R-TX), Adam Smith (D-WA), Bill Keating (D-MA), and Paul Cook (R-CA) on March 14, 2018.

The following list of leading international humanitarian, peacebuilding, development, and faith-based organizations endorse this legislation. We look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to pass this legislation to strengthen the U.S. government's ability to prevent violent conflict around the world.

1. Alliance for Peacebuilding
2. American Friends Service Committee
3. CARE
4. Carl Wilkens Fellows
5. Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)
6. Center on Conscience & War
7. Charity & Security Network
8. Chemonics
9. Church of the Brethren, Office of Public Witness

10. Conference of Major Superiors of Men
11. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, US Provinces
12. Cure Violence
13. Educators' Institute for Human Rights
14. Foreign Policy 4 America
15. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
16. Global Communities
17. Global Water 2020
18. Humanity United Action
19. i-ACT
20. In Defense of Christians
21. Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy
22. InterAction
23. International Alert
24. International Crisis Group (ICG)
25. International Rescue Committee
26. Jewish World Watch
27. Karuna Center for Peacebuilding
28. Mercy Corps
29. National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
30. National Latino Evangelical Coalition
31. Never Again Coalition
32. Pax Christi International
33. Pax Christi USA
34. Peace Direct
35. PRBB Foundation
36. Saferworld
37. Search for Common Ground
38. STAND
39. Stop Genocide Now
40. World Relief
41. World Vision

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