

Action Alert to Help Ban Landmines!

Did you know that more than 18,000 people, mostly civilians in poor countries worldwide, are maimed or killed by antipersonnel landmines each year?

Did you know that most of the world's nations have joined a treaty banning this weapon but that the U.S. has not?

Make your voice heard!
**Urge your House and Senate Members to support
the 2001 Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act.**

To find out who your members of Congress are,
visit www.vote-smart.org or www.house.gov or www.senate.gov.

Sample letter

Date

The Honorable _____
U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510 (Senate) or 20515 (House)

Dear Senator or Representative _____:

I am writing to urge you to co-sponsor the Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act of 2001 (HR 948 in the House and S 497 in the Senate).

Antipersonnel landmines maim or kill more than 18,000 people, mostly civilians, each year. More than two thirds of the world's nations have joined the Mine Ban Treaty. The U.S. has not, giving cover to those countries that are still using landmines and killing civilians in the process.

In March, landmine survivors and Her Majesty Queen Noor of Jordan met with Secretary of State Colin Powell. As a result of that meeting, Secretary Powell indicated that landmines would be included in the new administration's review of the military.

People in our district, state, nation, and world care deeply about this issue. Landmines are an outdated, indiscriminate weapon of the past. Please support this legislation and bring our country closer to joining the Mine Ban Treaty.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Address

See back page for more background information on the bill and on the current sponsors.

Please visit The U.S. Campaign to Ban Landmines website at www.banminesusa.org.

Background on The Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act of 2001

Senator Leahy (D-VT) and Representative Evans (D-IL) introduced the Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act of 2001 on March 8. The bill urges President George W. Bush to join the Mine Ban Treaty as soon as possible; directs the Department of Defense to field alternatives to antipersonnel mines; and directs the President to create an inter-agency committee on landmine victim assistance. The following are co-sponsors of the Landmine Elimination and Victim Assistance Act of 2001 as of May 17, 2001:

<u>Senate:</u>	<u>House:</u>	<u>House Continued:</u>
Jeff Bingaman (D-NM)	Neil Abercrombie (D-HI)	James Moran (D-VA)
Lincoln Chafee (R-RI)	Thomas Allen (D-ME)	Connie Morella (R-MD)
Susan Collins (R-ME)	John Baldacci (D-ME)	Jerrold Nadler (D-NY)
Kent Conrad (D-ND)	Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)	Richard Neal (D-MA)
Michael Crapo (R-ID)	Tom Barrett (D-WI)	John Olver (D-MA)
Thomas Daschle (D-SD)	Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)	Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)
Christopher Dodd (D-CT)	Sherrod Bronw (D-OH)	Collin Peterson (D-MN)
Byron Dorgan (D-ND)	David Bonior (D-MI)	Jack Quinn (R-NY)
Richard Durbin (D-IL)	Rick Boucher (D-VA)	Lynn Rivers (D-MI)
Russ Feingold (D-WI)	Corrine Brown (D-FL)	Nick Rahall (D-WV)
Diane Feinstein (D-CA)	Michael Capuano (D-MA)	Ciro Rodriguez (D-TX)
Tom Harkin (D-IA)	William Lacy Clay (D-MO)	Marge Roukema (R-NJ)
Jim Jeffords (R-VT)	Bob Clement (D-TN)	Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Edward Kennedy (D-MA)	John Cooksey (R-LA)	Janice Schakowsky (D-IL)
John Kerry (D-MA)	William Coyne (D-PA)	John Tierney (D-MA)
Herbert Kohl (D-WI)	William Delahunt (D-MA)	Edolphus Towns (D-NY)
Patrick Leahy (D-VT) sponsor	Phil English (R-PA)	Mark Udall (D-CO)
Mitch McConnell (R-KY)	Anna Eschoo (D-CA)	Tom Udall (D-NM)
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Patty Murray (D-WA)	Sam Farr (D-CA)	Robert Wexler (D-FL)
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Paul Sarbanes (D-MD)	Tony Hall (D-OH)	
Arlen Specter (R-PA)	Joseph Hoeffel (D-PA)	
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	Gerald Kleczka (D-WI)	
	John Lafalce (D-NY)	
	Ray LaHood (D-IL)	
	Tom Lantos (D-CA)	
	Steve Latourette (R-OH)	
	Frank LoBiondo (D-NJ)	
	Bill Luther (D-MN)	
	Carolyn Maloney (D-NY)	
	Ed Markey (D-MA)	
	Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY)	
	Betty McCollum (D-MN)	
	Jim McDermott (D-WA)	
	James McGovern (D-MA)	
	Cynthia McKinney (D-GA)	
	Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D-NY)	
	Michael McNulty (D-NY)	
	Marty Meehan (D-MA)	
	Patsy Mink (D-HI)	
	Joe Moakley (D-MA)	

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