

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 14, 2018

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

Yesterday, the Senate passed S.J.Res.54, a historic bipartisan resolution that directs the President to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities associated with the Saudi Arabia-led intervention in Yemen, except those fighting against Al-Qaeda. Despite the Senate's reasserting its constitutional war powers through a debate and vote in support of S.J.Res.54, House Republican leadership blocked the lower chamber from executing this same congressional duty, depriving a similar bill, H.Con.Res. 142. We urge you to immediately allow for the will of the House to be exercised by debating and voting on war by scheduling a vote for S.J.Res. 54. This allows Congress to fulfill its constitutional war powers responsibilities and provide for a vote on whether or not to withdraw from these unauthorized and unconstitutional hostilities.


As you know, Congress has not authorized the use of United States Armed Forces to support Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen. Further, no provision of law explicitly authorizes U.S. targeting assistance or mid-air refueling services to warplanes of Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates; yet, the United States continues to illegally assist the Saudi-led coalition.

Since 2015, the United States has participated in hostilities led by Saudi Arabia and its coalition by providing them with midair refueling and intelligence sharing for airstrikes, weapons, and other assistance, both overt and covert. The United Nations has described this war as the "the worst man-made humanitarian crisis of our time." Millions are on the brink of starvation and lack access to clean water, sanitation, and healthcare. Tens of thousands of civilians have been killed by U.S.-made bombs that have been dropped on innocent civilians at weddings, school buses, markets, and more. We cannot continue to support Saudi Arabia's disastrous war.

We urge you to immediately schedule a vote for S.J.Res.54, allowing for debate and a vote on this resolution. We cannot silence the voices of the American people. We cannot ignore the cries from the Yemeni people. Let this be a rallying cry to do the right thing, and bring peace to Yemen.

Sincerely,

  
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