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Dear Members of Congress,

In Tuesday's elections, people across the United States made their will resoundingly clear: they want to end President Trump's war on Iran, its resulting violence, and its downstream economic hardship, immediately. Ending this war cannot wait.

We, the 74 undersigned civil society organizations, urge you to respond to this mandate by blocking any new or continued funding for this disastrous war or increases to Pentagon funding beyond the already outrageous $1 trillion that the White House pushed through Congress last year. Lawmakers should continue to push in the remainder of this Congress for a clear legislative restriction prohibiting funding for this war, and should that fail, prioritize passing such a restriction with the utmost urgency in the next Congress under a new majority.

A pre-elections Gallup poll found that the war was "very" or "extremely" important to more than three-fourths of registered voters, and exit polling from last week found that 74% considered it a "crucial" or "major" factor in their decision. Voters' full-throated rejection of the war is no surprise. The president's decision to launch a war on Iran without Congress' authorization or the barest attempt at securing public buy-in shocked the nation. Horrific U.S. strikes on a school, a sports hall, a wedding, and other clear civilian objects have collectively killed and injured hundreds of innocent people in Iran and across the region, many of them children. U.S. servicemembers and their families have suffered, with more than 20 killed and hundreds more injured in strikes on U.S. bases and outposts. Surging costs from the war have since drained household finances, as spikes in energy costs quickly reverberated through the economy. Everything from the price of staple goods to interest on new mortgages has risen precipitously. Many of the same households dealing with this war-induced cost-of-living crisis are simultaneously hurting from the administration's dramatic cuts to Medicaid, SNAP, and other vital programs – a trillion dollars in cuts which all must be reversed.

The link between our ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the prosecution of a war of choice is painfully apparent to the public. Any lawmaker who approaches this lame duck period with a "business-as-usual" mindset will fumble the popular mandate just handed to them. Legislators must wield their power of the purse to rein in the president's outrageous spending on a war most Americans do not want and did not ask for.

Even with robust opposition during the lame duck, preventing Trump's war from becoming yet another endless conflict will require aggressive action at the start of the 120th Congress. While we welcome further war powers votes, we urge the committees on foreign affairs and armed services to expedite consideration of legislation terminating funding for the war. Any such effort would only reinforce a new Congress' commitment to addressing the affordability crunch and constitutional crisis created by the illegal war.

As the president escalates his lawless assumption of powers he does not have, Congress must escalate in turn by exercising the powers the Constitution has granted it. The people have voted for

you to check this administration and meet the needs of communities across the United States. This effort begins with ending Trump's Iran war, using all tools and opportunities at your disposal.

Sincerely,

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Action Center on Race and the Economy
American Civil Liberties Union
American Friends Service Committee
Arab Resource & Organizing Center Action (AROC Action)
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Brooklyn for Peace
Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security
Center for International Policy Advocacy
Citizen Action of New York
Common Cause
Earth Action, Inc.
Faithful America
Foreign Policy for America
Foreign Policy In Focus at the Institute for Policy Studies
Free Speech For People
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Hindus for Human Rights Action
Indivisible
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Jewish Voice for Peace
Justice Is Global
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Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
May Day Strong
Media Alliance
Migrant Roots Media
Minnesota Peace Project
Mommying While Muslim LLC
MoveOn
MPower Change Action Fund
Muslim Advocates
Muslim Community Network
National Iranian American Council Action
National Organization for Women
National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies

National Nurses United
New Jewish Narrative
NC Climate Justice Collective
Not With Our Money
Oil Change International
Organized Power in Numbers
Oxfam America
Palestinian Christians for Justice
Pax Christi USA
People’s Action Institute
People Power United
Ploughshares
Presbyterian Church (USA), Office of Public Witness
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Public Citizen
Prutehi Guåhan
Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft
Rachel Carson Council
ReThinking Foreign Policy
Rising Majority Action Front
Rogan's List
Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - Justice Team
Sojourners
The People’s Lobby
The United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society
Union of Concerned Scientists
United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (UE)
Unity Fellowship of Christ NYC
Veterans For Peace - Climate Crisis and Militarism Project
VOCAL Action Fund
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
WILPF
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