

Statement in Support of the Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act – S.2551

We – the undersigned human rights, humanitarian, faith, anti-genocide, peace and other organizations – support the Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2016, S.2551, introduced by Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and their colleagues.

The bill authorizes the Atrocities Prevention Board, establishes the Complex Crises Fund, requires training for Foreign Service Officers in violent conflict and atrocities prevention, and requires reporting from both the Department of State and Director for National Intelligence. These are critical tools that are needed to prevent violent conflict and save lives.

Preventing genocide and mass atrocities is also a core national security interest of the United States. Right now, over 60 million people have been displaced by conflict worldwide - the highest number since World War II. This has required growing expenditures to support life-saving humanitarian assistance and has led to other cost-intensive interventions. These crises have also resulted in increased instability with long-term consequences for countries and regions around the world, feeding into the possibility for repeated and expanded cycles of violence. These threats to U.S. security and interests can be mitigated with robust investments in early prevention.

We believe that the Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act will save money, and help address the root causes and drivers of violent conflict.

We urge Congress to quickly consider and pass the Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act.

1. Africa Faith & Justice Network – Washington, D.C.
2. Alliance for Peacebuilding – Washington, D.C.
3. Armenian National Committee of America – Washington, D.C.
4. Armenian Orthodox Church
5. The Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation – New York, N.Y.
6. Better World Campaign – Washington, D.C.
7. CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center – Terre Haute, Ind.
8. Carl Wilkens Fellowship – National
9. Charity & Security Network – Washington, D.C.
10. Church of the Brethren Office of Public Witness – Washington, D.C.
11. Church World Service – Global
12. Citizens for Global Solutions – Washington, D.C.
13. Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action – Denver, Colo.
14. Conference of Major Superiors of Men – Silver Spring, Md.
15. Darfur Action Group of South Carolina – Columbia, S.C.
16. Darfur and Beyond – Phoenix, Ariz.
17. Disciples Center for Public Witness – Washington, D.C.
18. Enough Project – Washington, D.C.
19. Franciscan Action Network – Washington, D.C.
20. Friends Committee on National Legislation – Washington, D.C.
21. Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide – Atlanta, Georgia
22. Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect – New York, N.Y.

23. Humanity United – San Francisco, Calif.
24. i-ACT – Redondo Beach, Calif.
25. International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect – Global
26. International Justice Project – Newark, N.J.
27. Invisible Children – Washington, D.C.
28. Jewish Federation of Greater Austin – Austin, Texas
29. Jewish World Watch – Encino, Calif.
30. Justice and Peace Committee Sisters of St Francis of Philadelphia – Aston, Penn.
31. Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns – Washington, D.C.
32. Mercy Corps – Portland, Ore.
33. Missionary Oblates Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Office – Washington, D.C.
34. National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd – Silver Spring, Md.
35. National Council of Churches, USA – Washington, D.C.
36. NYC Genocide Prevention Coalition – New York, N.Y.
37. Operation Broken Silence – Memphis, Tenn.
38. Oxfam America – Boston, Mass.
39. Pax Christi International – Washington, D.C.
40. Pax Christi USA – Washington, D.C.
41. Peace Alliance – Washington, D.C.
42. Presbyterian Church (USA) – Washington, D.C.
43. Project C.U.R.E. – Denver, Colo.
44. Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) – National, Office in Washington, D.C.
45. The Resolve LRA Crisis Initiative – Washington, D.C.
46. San Antonio Coalition Against Genocide – San Antonio, Texas
47. San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition – San Francisco, Calif.
48. Search for Common Ground – Global, Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and Brussels, Belgium
49. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Institute Justice Team – Silver Spring, Md.
50. STAND: The Student-Led Movement to End Mass Atrocities – Washington, D.C.
51. Stop Genocide Now – Los Angeles, Calif.
52. Student Peace Alliance – Washington, D.C.
53. Sudan Advocacy Action Forum – Birmingham, Ala.
54. Union for Reform Judaism – New York, N.Y.
55. Unitarian Universalist Service Committee – Cambridge, Mass.
56. United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries – Washington, D.C.
57. United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society – Washington, D.C.
58. United Nations Association of the USA – Washington, D.C.
59. United to End Genocide – Washington, D.C.
60. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants – Arlington, Va.
61. World Without Genocide at Mitchell Hamline School of Law – St. Paul, Minn.