Peaceable Assembly Campaign Petition

Voices for Creative Nonviolence is initiating a nationwide Peaceable Assembly Campaign which seeks an end to the U.S. wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and an end to U.S. support of the continued Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories. Beginning in September, 2009, and continuing for the next ten months, we will engage in grassroots lobbying efforts, urging Representatives and Senators to stop authorizing and funding wars and occupations and to vote for legislation that pursues alternatives to militarism.

Our Proposal

We call on Congress and the Obama Administration to:

1. Demand and organize prompt regional negotiations with all interested parties and seek settlements to these conflicts that could minimize the potential for civil wars during inevitable struggles over political power.

2. End U.S. combat engagement in these wars, and carry out an orderly, prompt withdrawal of all U.S. forces and bases from these countries.

3. Close Guantanamo, Bagram and other detention facilities established as part of the so-called "war on terror" and press for full U.S. compliance with all international treaties regarding the treatment of prisoners.

4. Stop all forms of collective punishment imposed on civilians.

5. End U.S. interference in the affairs of other countries.

6. Massively reduce U.S. military spending consistent with these goals.

7. Redirect excessive military spending towards constructive purposes that serve human needs, including refugee assistance, health care, education, alternative energy, employment and affordable housing, etc….

To: Representative_____

In cooperation with the Peaceable Assembly Campaign, I request that you vote in the current Congress as follows:

1) Sponsor and support legislation to instruct the President to follow the policies outlined above;
2) Vote against any appropriations inconsistent with the objectives above;
3) Sponsor and vote for appropriations to carry out the alternatives to militarism outlined in #7 above.

We ask for your personal response to each of the signers of this statement on how you plan to vote on these policy issues.

Name (print)	**Signature**	**Street Address**	**City, State, Zip**	**Email**