

# PEACE ACTION



**Promoting real security through International Cooperation, Human Rights, and Funding of human needs at home and abroad.**

**At Peace Action We Believe...**

That war is not a suitable response to conflict; that every person has the right to live without the threat from nuclear weapons; and, that the United States has the resources to both protect and provide for its citizens.

## **WHAT WE DO**

### **Engaging the Grassroots**

Peace Action has over 100 chapters in 34 states. After our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Peace Action is the largest grassroots network working for peace and nuclear abolition.

Through our grassroots network we draw attention to peace & security, and human rights issues while constantly advocating for global nuclear abolition. Whether through protest, direct action, Congressional lobbying, or voter education Peace Action aims to bring our issues to the forefront of U.S. foreign and domestic policy.

### **Educating Our Nation**

Through our weekly Action Alerts, a quarterly newsletter, and monthly e-Newsletter we educate the American public on the nuances of the Democratic process and their responsibility as citizens to participate. Our members demand comprehensive analysis of how Congressional legislation, political rhetoric, and current events affect the global community. We provide that analysis and opportunities for activists to speak out as an integral aspect of our program.

### **Congressional Lobbying**

In order to meet the aims of our mission we engage our political system through direct lobby visits, grassroots petitions, voter education & mobilization and supporting peace minded candidates for public office. We work with other peace, abolitionist, and human rights organizations to strengthen our voice in Congress and deepen our understanding of the issues impacting our world.

### **Fostering Leadership**

Through our student network, SPAN, we engage high school and college aged youth around our core issues. With chapters all over the country, SPAN provides opportunities for students to speak their voice to power, meet like minded mentors, foster their leadership skills and participate in regional conferences.

**Peace Action's historic focus has been on promoting security through mutual nuclear disarmament, treaties that prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction, reduced national military forces, and international approaches to dispute resolution. Our near-term emphasis is on those measures our nation can quickly take on its own to stop our go-it-alone policies and from which we can get an enormous practical payoff for real security, human rights, cooperative support, and freedom from weapons of mass destruction.**

## **PEACE IN ACTION IN 2007**

### **Affiliates in Action**

**Peace Voter:** Peace Action West and New Hampshire Peace Action have diligently put pressure on the Presidential candidates through bird-dogging, media events, and voter education in early primary states, and affiliates nationwide will do likewise.

**Hiroshima & Nagasaki Commemorations:** Many Peace Action affiliates honor those people lost in the only nuclear attacks in world history. Every year we send a delegate to Japan to bring our message of peace abroad, last year it was Reva Patwardhan from Peace Action West.

**Iraqi Labor Tour: In conjunction with our ally U.S. labor Against the War** Massachusetts, Peace Action, Peace Action Wisconsin and San Francisco Bay Area East Bay Peace Action hosted talks and roundtables with 2 Iraqi labor representatives including Hashmeya Muhsin Hussein, President of the Iraqi Electrical Utility Workers Union (and the first female trade union president in Iraq).

### **Grassroots & Congressional Lobbying**

**Nuclear Warheads (RRW):** Our network came together and flooded Congress with calls and emails demanding they zero out funding for new nuclear weapons. Our work paid off when all funding for the Reliable Replacement Warhead was eliminated last December.

**Petition Against War with Iran:** With other 100,000 names this petition has been a vital part of legislative lobbying with Congress both through in-district visits and in Washington.

**Letter of 92:** Peace Action is among 34 organizations lobbying Congress to co-sign a letter to the President from 92 of their House colleagues vowing not to appropriate any funds to the Iraq war other than those for a complete withdrawal.

**Cities for Peace:** With the leadership of the Institute for Policy Studies, Peace Action helped bring resolutions from 300 states, cities, and town against the Iraq war.

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## 1960'S

**1962** - Pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock is recruited as a national sponsor, and later board member, a "Dr. Spock is worried" ad appears in the New York Times, and is reprinted in 700 papers worldwide.

**1965** - Vice-president Hubert Humphrey meets with SANE leaders Dr. Spock, Sanford Gottlieb and Homer Jack three days after an anti-war march to openly, responsibly, and frankly discuss their proposals to end the war in Vietnam.

## 1970'S

**1971** - SANE helps to organize an April war protest attended by more than 200,000 people.

**1979** - SANE builds a labor/peace alliance on reduced military spending with Machinists Union President William Winpisinger.

## 1990'S

**1991** - SANE/FREEZE helps coordinate anti-Gulf War marches in Washington, DC, helping to mobilize 500,000 protesters.

**1994** - Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) and Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-OR) introduce legislation Peace Action helped craft the Arms Trade Code of Conduct - to restrict US weapons sales to dictators and human rights abusers.

**1996** - Peace Action wages Peace Voter '96, the organization's largest nationally coordinated campaign since the mid-eighties; over one million Peace Voter Guides are distributed.

**1998** - Peace Action expands its fledgling Student Peace Action Network to over 100 campuses across the nation.

## 1980'S

**1984** - SANE's door-to-door canvass reaches millions and recruits over 250,000 supporters by early 1987.

**1986** - Jesse Jackson, a member of SANE's Board of Directors, leads a delegation to the 1st Reagan/Gorbachev summit in Geneva, meeting with Gorbachev and presenting the US and Soviet delegations with over 1 million signatures in support of a nuclear test ban treaty.

## 2000'S

**2000** - Peace Voter 2000 mobilizes voters in 39 House and 10 Senate races to bring peace issues to the elections.

**2005** - Peace Action marks the 60th year anniversary of U.S. atomic attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in addition to mobilizing support for the September 24th Mass Mobilization to End the War in Iraq.

**2006** - Peace Voter 2006 plays a key role in helping mobilize the pro-peace vote in the mid-term elections, which delivers a stunning rebuke to Bush and his disastrous war and occupation of Iraq.

## SUPPORT PEACE

**Your donation sustains our work.**

To flourish, war demands nothing from a citizen. It is Peace that demands Action! You can Take Action today by visiting our website and giving what you can. Whether it's a dollar or a day for peace your ACTION counts.

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