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National Call to Action Responds to Renewed Threats to Attack Iran

Renewed threats for a U.S./Israeli attack on Iran have prompted a national call for direct action to promote peaceful diplomacy between these nations. **July 19th – 21st organizations and individuals across the country will organize demonstrations, vigils, conferences, and media events culminating in a Congressional Education Day sponsored by Peace Action.**

Despite polling data which conclude that the American public overwhelmingly supports diplomatic strategies for dealing with Iran little has been done to support a non-military intervention. U.S. officials say Israel is mounting a "full court press" to get the Bush administration to strike Iran's nuclear complex, CBS News reports. New York Newsday and the Seattle-Post Intelligencer warn that Congress is considering a resolution promoted by AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) that would effectively endorse a naval blockade of Iran, an act of war.

Peace Action will host a Congressional Education Day July 21st. **Peace Action is expecting to meet with over 50 Senators and Representatives about diplomatic relations with Iran as well as the global promotion of nuclear abolition.** For more information on the Peace Action Congressional Education Day please visit the Peace Action Website <http://www.peace-action.org/Iran/campaigns/current.htm>

Prior to our lobby day Peace Action invites you to our National Congress – a weekend of training workshops, speakers, and entertainment.

EMMA'S REVOLUTION will perform Sunday at 12:30 pm
Phyllis Bennis & Trita Parsi will lead a panel on the situation in the Middle East 9:00 am
Iraq Veterans Against the War Panel Saturday at 12:30 pm

Let's use this weekend to empower our work, speak truth to power, and stop the NEXT war BEFORE it starts. Want to take action now? We've had a petition going speaking out for diplomatic talks between Iran and the U.S. Have you signed? Have you passed it to your friends? We have over 60,000 signatures but to make an impact in Congressional offices we need more. Think about your friends from other states, work colleagues, anyone you know who is sick of war – and there are a lot of us.

According to a recent Gallup poll 67 percent of Americans support the president meeting with leaders of countries considered US enemies; 79 percent of Democrats think so, as do 70 percent of independents. Only a slight majority of Republicans, 51 percent, oppose such talks. These results are in step with a Peace Action petition calling for peaceful diplomatic relations with Iran. You can and must pass this message along – even to your conservative friends. By uniting across the aisle, for the good of our country, we prevent a catastrophe.

United for Peace and Justice sent out the initial call to action last week. Already, protests are planned across the country including San Francisco, Chicago, Cleveland, and Trenton. You can start an action yourself or join one near you. For information on events happening nation-wide visit the United for Peace & Justice Website <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/article.php?id=3915>