



A Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty



Take Action!

URGE KEY REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT HR 1302, THE GLOBAL POVERTY ACT OF 2007

July 24, 2007

TAKE ACTION NOW! Please call your Representatives to urge support for a bill requiring the Administration to make a deep reduction in global poverty a primary objective of U.S. foreign aid.

WHY THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT: Before Congress goes on recess at the end of next week, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives is expected to meet to decide whether to recommend approval by the full House of HR 1302, the Global Poverty Act of 2007. This bill instructs the Administration to develop a comprehensive strategy for promoting the reduction of global poverty and achieving the U.N. Millennium Development Goal of dramatically reducing the number of people living on less than \$1 a day by 2015. The bill also calls for an annual report to the Congress on the steps being taken to implement the strategy, which will provide an important opportunity to assess progress.

WHY WE SHOULD GET INVOLVED: In support of our mission to follow the Gospel's call to alleviate human suffering and promote justice, the USCCB and CRS are promoting a *Catholic Campaign Against Global Poverty* (www.usccb.org/globalpoverty). Our Campaign is rooted in our Church's teaching to uphold human dignity, especially for the poorest and most vulnerable people around the world. HR 1302 is directly in line with the major thrust of the Campaign as it would require the Administration not only to make deep poverty reduction a major objective of U.S. foreign aid, but also to design a comprehensive strategy for accomplishing it in consultation with all major actors engaged in development, including non-governmental organizations.

TAKE ACTION NOW! If your Representative is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee (see list below), please contact him/her and urge support for HR 1302 when the Committee meets to consider it next week.

TARGETS: Members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee:

Ackerman, Gary L. (D-N.Y.)	Gallegly, Elton (R-Calif.)	Rohrabacher, Dana (R-Calif.)
Barrett, J. Gresham (R-S.C.)	Giffords, Gabrielle (D-Ariz.)	Ros-Lehtinen, Ileana (R-Fla.)
Berman, Howard L. (D-Calif.)	Green, Gene (D-Texas)	Royce, Ed (R-Calif.)
Bilirakis, Gus (R-Fla.)	Hinojosa, Ruben (D-Texas)	Sanchez, Linda T. (D-Calif.)
Boozman, John (R-Ark.)	Inglis, Bob (R-S.C.)	Scott, David (D-Ga.)
Burton, Dan (R-Ind.)	Jackson-Lee, Sheila (D-Texas)	Sherman, Brad (D-Calif.)
Carnahan, Russ (D-Mo.)	Klein, Ron (D-Fla.)	Sires, Albio (D-N.J.)
Chabot, Steve (R-Ohio)	Lantos, Tom (D-Calif.)	Smith, Adam (D-Wash.)
Costa, Jim (D-Calif.)	Mack, Connie (R-Fla.)	Smith, Christopher H. (R-N.J.)
Crowley, Joseph (D-N.Y.)	Manzullo, Donald (R-Ill.)	Tancredino, Tom (R-Colo.)
Davis, Jo Ann (R-Va.)	McCaul, Michael (R-Texas)	Tanner, John (D-Tenn.)
Delahunt, Bill (D-Mass.)	Meeks, Gregory W. (D-N.Y.)	Watson, Diane (D-Calif.)
Engel, Eliot L. (D-N.Y.)	Miller, Brad (D-N.C.)	Wexler, Robert (D-Fla.)
Faleomavaega, Eni F.H. (D-A.S.)	Paul, Ron (R-Texas)	Wilson, Joe (R-S.C.)
Flake, Jeff (R-Ariz.)	Payne, Donald M. (D-N.J.)	Woolsey, Lynn (D-Calif.)
Fortenberry, Jeff (R-Neb.)	Pence, Mike (R-Ind.)	Wu, David (D-Ore.)
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