

December 10, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Honorable Nancy Pelosi and Honorable Steny Hoyer:

We write to thank you for your leadership in cosponsoring the bipartisan war powers resolution, H.Con.Res. 138, which would promptly stop unauthorized U.S. military participation in the Saudi-led war in Yemen, and would help bring to an end the world's largest humanitarian crisis.

We also commend your statements in opposition to the House Republican Leadership's unprecedented procedural maneuver November 14th that "de-privileged" that resolution and prevented the House of Representatives from debating and voting to end the illegal war.

On November 28th, 63 Senators passed a historic vote to consider S.J.Res. 54, a similar measure to end the U.S.-Saudi war in Yemen.

In response, Representatives Khanna, Pocan, Massie, Jones, McGovern, Gabbard and Lee introduced H.Con.Res. 142 on November 29th. This bipartisan resolution is identical to H.Con.Res. 138, and will force renewed floor action this week to debate and vote to end the unauthorized war in the House.

We urge you to aggressively whip the the caucus to ensure that all House Democrats vote in opposition to any effort to de-privilege H.Con.Res. 142.

As of right now, it is absolutely critical to send a firm, united signal to House Republican leadership that Democrats will unanimously vote against any effort to subvert Congress's Article I responsibilities.

All 49 Senate Democrats stood firm in supporting the consideration of S.J.Res. 54, the Yemen War Powers Resolution. We ask that you ensure that same unity in the House of Representatives.

If House Speaker Paul Ryan succeeds at maneuvering to de-privilege the resolution once again, it's essential that the incoming Democratic leadership prioritize holding a debate and passing a Yemen War Powers Resolution in January 2019. And this process should start with the Democratic majority inviting and meeting with impacted Yemeni American communities.

The people of Yemen can't wait.

Sincerely,

Demand Progress
Indivisible
Move On
Win Without War

cc: Members of the Democratic Caucus