



Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP) Supports House Vote in Favor of Iran War Powers Resolution

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On March 11, the House passed by a bipartisan vote of 227-186 legislation which would prohibit any military interventions in Iran unless explicitly approved by Congress. Introduced and passed in the Senate with bipartisan support in February, members of Congress are sending a clear message to the White House for the need to de-escalate tensions with Iran and pursue non-military options moving forward. While President Trump is likely to veto, the strong support for these measures demonstrate Congress is taking its role as the body to authorize military action.

Upon passage of the legislation, CMEP Executive Director Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon shared the following remarks: “During these tenuous times we need strong leadership to ensure we can pursue diplomacy over military action. We applaud the members of Congress—both Democrats and Republicans—who came together to send a clear message that unauthorized military interventions in Iran will not make anyone safer. We call on President Trump to sign this critical legislation into law.”

CMEP calls on its network to continue to push their elected officials to do everything in their power to ensure the U.S. and Iran pursue diplomatic efforts to deescalate tension.