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## UNITED NATIONS UNDER THREAT We Need Your Help Today

The United Nations needs action from Americans now more than ever. In the midst of the worst refugee crisis since World War II, with conflicts and pandemics threatening our own security, and millions around the world denied basic human rights on the basis of their gender, gender preference, or religion, this is no time for the U.S. to back away from the U.N..

The proposed budget and recent bills proposed in Congress threaten United States funding for lifesaving programs. From supporting peacekeeping missions in the toughest corners of the world to preventing the spread of violence, extremism, and infectious disease, to giving children a shot at an education through UNICEF - the U.N. works with all nations together to solve problems.

**We need your help in contacting Iowa's members of Congress to continue these lifesaving programs!**

**Here are two easy ways you can make an impact:**

- ➔ **1** Call them using our simple four-step **2** Cut out the letter below and send to your members of congress today using guidelines. the addresses provided in this newsletter. ➔

Dear Member of Congress,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent in your district/state from \_\_\_\_\_. I am a supporter of the United Nations because the work they do not only saves lives but also advances America's security and values. Recently, several bills have been proposed to the Senate and House that would seriously undermine U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives. Reducing funds allocated to the United Nations jeopardizes UN programs that serve critical U.S. interests and severely erodes U.S. legitimacy and respect abroad. Furthermore, failing to meet our obligations will diminish our ability to leverage the UN in support of vital U.S. interests. An overwhelming majority of Americans - Democrats and Republicans alike - stand with me in support of the United Nations. I ask you to stand up for the United Nations and oppose any efforts to reduce funding, defund completely or withdraw from this institution. I hope you will stand with your constituents and support continued engagement and funding of an organization we helped found and which still serves critical American interests.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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# How to Call Your Members of Congress

1

Dial your representative's numbers listed below.

2

Ask to be connected with a staffer and tell them you would like to register an opinion about recent bills in Congress concerning the United Nations.

3

Explain to them that you are their constituent and strongly oppose any efforts to reduce funding, defund completely or withdraw from the United Nations.

4

Conclude by choosing one of the following facts or add one of your own!



United Nations' initiatives such as working to fight Al Qaeda affiliates in Mali and leading international responses to global health emergencies like Zika and Ebola.

88% of Americans- Republicans and Democrats- believe we should maintain an active role in the UN.

## Representatives

### Rodney 'Rod' L. Blum

U.S. Representative for Iowa district 1  
310 Third Street, SE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401-1804  
Phone: (319) 364-2288

### Dave W. Loebsack

U.S. Representative for Iowa district 2  
209 West Fourth Street  
Room 104  
Davenport, IA 52801  
Phone: (563) 323-5988

### David E. Young

U.S. Representative for Iowa district 3  
501 Fifth Avenue  
Council Bluffs, IA 51503  
Phone: (712) 325-1404

### Steve King

U.S. Representative for Iowa district 4  
526 Nebraska Street  
Sioux City, IA 51101-1313  
Phone: (712) 224-4692

## Senators

### Joni K. Ernst

U.S. Senator for Iowa  
210 Walnut Street  
Federal Building, Room 721  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
Phone : (515) 284-4574

### Chuck Grassley

U.S. Senator for Iowa  
210 Walnut Street  
Federal Building, Room 721  
Des Moines, IA 50309-2140  
Phone: (515) 288-1145

*Please call today*



The UN brings  
**half a billion dollars**  
in revenue to U.S. businesses

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Each year, the United Nations:



**Vaccinates  
40% of  
the world's  
children**



**Assists over  
65 million  
displaced  
persons**



**Provides  
food to  
80 million  
people**

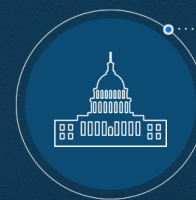
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