

# WAR POWERS RESOLUTIONS



## Stopping Trump's Unconstitutional Wars in Iran, Venezuela, Lebanon, and Cuba

As frontline health care workers, nurses bear direct witness to the devastating, real-life human cost of war and violence. Nurses stand firmly opposed to the Trump administration's unconstitutional military escalations in Iran, Venezuela, Lebanon, and Cuba, conflicts launched without a declaration of war, congressional authorization, or regard for the lives of U.S. service members or the civilians caught in the crossfire. And while the Trump administration is destroying the lives of working families everywhere — not funding health care or building a healthier country here — who benefits? The corporate war machine and tech billionaires. Nurses say, "Enough!" Congress must reassert its constitutional authority and pass these War Powers Resolutions now.

### Iran War Powers Resolution

- » Trump launched unauthorized military strikes against Iran, without a declaration of war or congressional authorization, claiming Iran posed an immediate national security threat. The conflict has already killed more than 1,200 people, including civilians, U.S. troops, and as many as 175 victims of a strike on a girls' school. It is costing American taxpayers a billion dollars a day<sup>1</sup>.
- » Nurses, as frontline health care workers, see firsthand the irreversible toll of war on patients' bodies and communities. We cannot be complicit in an illegal war that kills civilians, puts our troops in harm's way without cause, and drains resources our patients need at home.
- » An Iran War Powers Resolution would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. Armed Forces from hostilities against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization from Congress.

### Venezuela War Powers Resolution

- » Trump ordered a military strike against Venezuela, framing it as a drug enforcement operation, while his administration openly admitted "it's a war," claimed the United States would "run the country," and refused to rule out sending more troops. This war of choice is driven by oil and regime change, not national security.
- » Nurses stand against nation-building wars waged without the consent of Congress or the people. While Trump spends billions intervening in Venezuela, he is simultaneously gutting the health care, housing, and food assistance programs that working families depend on.
- » This resolution would block further U.S. hostilities within or against Venezuela, without explicit Congressional authorization. A previous version failed by just two votes in December 2025 in the House. Congress must finish the job.

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## Lebanon War Powers Resolution

H. Con. Res. 83 — Rep. Rashida Tlaib (MI-12) and Rep. Delia Ramirez (IL-03)

- » The United States is actively supporting Israel's ground invasion and bombing campaign in Lebanon through weapons transfers, intelligence sharing, and logistics, without congressional authorization. The assault has killed more than 1,116 people, including 121 children, displaced 1.2 million people, and Israeli officials have openly announced plans to implement "the Gaza model" in Lebanon<sup>2</sup>.
- » Israel has also targeted and struck at least 128 medical facilities and ambulances across south Lebanon, killing 40 health care workers and wounding 107<sup>3</sup>.
- » Nurses are horrified by the deliberate targeting of medical personnel, ambulances, and health care facilities, documented war crimes made possible by U.S. support. We refuse to be complicit in the ethnic cleansing of the Lebanese people with our tax dollars.
- » This resolution orders the removal of all U.S. Armed Forces' participation in unauthorized hostilities in Lebanon, including targeting assistance and intelligence sharing for Israeli air strikes and ground operations.

## Cuba War Powers Resolution

S.J. Res. 124 — Sens. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Adam Schiff (D-CA), and Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

H.J. Res. 153 — Rep. Nydia Velázquez (NY-7)

- » Trump has imposed a military blockade on Cuba and threatened direct military action, warning Cuba to make a deal "before it is too late" and suggesting it would "fall soon." These threats follow his pattern of unilateral military escalation across the Caribbean and Latin America, with no authorization from Congress and no explanation to the U.S. people.
- » The U.S. blockade is severely straining Cuban hospitals, resulting in patients on ventilators dying, delaying of vaccines for more than 30,000 children, and inconsistent radiation therapy and kidney dialysis for nearly 20,000 patients due to lack of energy resources.<sup>4</sup> Medicine is also in short supply. These conditions are a humanitarian crisis.
- » Nurses know that health care is a human right. Instead of wasting billions of taxpayer dollars on devastating other country's health care systems, and killing innocent people across the world, the United States can and should fund health care for all. Nurses demand that Congress exercise its constitutional duty and stop another reckless military conflict before the first shots are fired.
- » This resolution ensures that any United States participation in hostilities against Cuba must be explicitly authorized by Congress.

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