

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dear Peace Voter,

You may want to frame this one.

This year's voting record documents a major, historic victory for progressive foreign policy – the passage of the New START treaty.

This is the first major disarmament treaty we've ratified in decades. Because of it, there will be 1,300 fewer weapons aimed at cities and other targets on hair trigger alert. New START also signaled to the world that the U.S. and Russia – the world's two largest nuclear powers – were willing to get back on the path to a nuclear weapons free world after 18 years of idling. Inside this voting record you'll see a complete rundown of nuclear hardliners' crafty attempts to defeat the treaty, amendment by amendment. And you'll see how, in the end, we won.

Now advocates for a world without nuclear weapons must press on. We'll fight for deeper reductions in arsenals, cuts in bloated nuclear weapons spending, and a global partnership to end the threat of nuclear weapons once and for all.

This voting record also reflects a growing Afghanistan war debate. While the war raged on without real progress, this record shows more members of Congress voting against the current strategy. With a deadline for the start of a troop drawdown in July 2011, Congress and the American people's attention must turn to ending the longest war in U.S. history. It'll be up to people like you and me to keep our eyes on Congress, and insist on a clear exit strategy that brings the war to an end and the troops home.

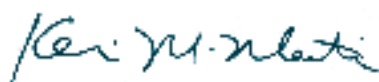
You likely share at least one thing with the thousands of other Peace Action supporters with a copy of this voting record. You care about the wider world beyond this country's borders. That's why it's so crucial you understand the kind of foreign policy your representatives really support. With this voting record, you know the score.

Of course, knowing is just the first step. The voice of what President Eisenhower called the "military-industrial complex" often carries the day when Congress votes. Wasteful military spending programs frequently get funded even when it's clear the spending serves no real security need. One vote inside is a perfect example: the House voted for a \$485 million weapons program even the Pentagon opposed!

That's where you and I come in. We need to stay vigilant – and active – to counter the powerful interests that prioritize military might over the tools that can build real peace and real security around the world.

Let your representatives know how you feel about their records on foreign policy issues. You can do that on the phone and by letters and email; through talking to representatives at town hall meetings and local lobby visits; and through kudos or pink slips at the ballot box. By holding our elected officials accountable to the values of international cooperation and human rights, we can together create a smarter, more peaceful foreign policy.

Thank you for your engagement and support,



Kevin Martin
Executive Director
Peace Action



Jon Rainwater
Executive Director
Peace Action West

BEST AND WORST OF CONGRESS IN 2010

Best

DESPITE POWERFUL OPPOSITION, SENATE RATIFIES FIRST MAJOR DISARMAMENT TREATY IN DECADES

In 2009, President Obama laid out a vision of a nuclear weapons free world before a crowd of thousands in Prague. But making concrete steps toward that goal meant overcoming reckless Cold War thinking and a toxic political environment. You and other Peace Action supporters were up to the challenge and helped usher the first major arms control treaty in decades through a deeply divided Senate.

For every hawk that spread misinformation about New START, our pro-disarmament coalition responded with ten experts arguing that the treaty was essential to U.S. security. Peace Action supporters made thousands of calls to Republican senators demanding that they put nuclear security ahead of petty politics. The clock was ticking, because if the treaty didn't come to a vote by December, it would get kicked to the incoming class of senators — a class filled with newly elected rightwing hardliners. But when the writing was on the wall, 13 Republicans joined their Democratic colleagues in voting for ratification (Senate vote #298).

Because of your help, as well as the dedication of activists around the country, there will be fewer dangerous nuclear weapons in the world. More importantly, ratifying the treaty sets up our next steps toward removing every last nuclear weapon from the face of the earth.

DRUMBEAT AGAINST WAR IN AFGHANISTAN GROWS

Last year the debate on the Afghanistan war finally progressed beyond blind support to a serious questioning of what we are getting for our \$8 billion a month. In fact, 2010 saw a record number of politicians speaking out against the war.

The House's strongest legislation was Rep. Kucinich's (D-OH) bill to end the war by December 2010 (House vote #98). In addition to the 65 representatives who voted in favor, many others came to the floor to express reservations about continuing the war.

Subsequent legislation on funding and oversight of the war got triple digit support in the House. An amendment by Rep. Lee (D-CA), which would have prohibited military funding for anything other than a safe withdrawal, garnered support from 100 representatives (House vote #432). The high water mark of opposition came with the McGovern-Obey amendment to set a timeline for withdrawal, which garnered the support of 162 representatives, including then-Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). The Senate took its first ever vote on setting a timeline for the war in an amendment offered by Sen. Feingold (D-WI) (Senate vote #168).

Throughout the year, lawmakers remarked that their constituents were fed up with the war's waste in lives and dollars. Our supporters helped raise the political cost of continuing the war and brought us closer to our goal of bringing it to an end.

Worst

NUCLEAR PORK SERVED ON A SILVER PLATTER

As the president worked to get the 67 votes needed to ratify New START, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), a prominent Republican, exploited his influence to bank money for the nuclear weapons complex. Kyl played coy with the administration, peddling misinformation about the need to "modernize" the nuclear arsenal, while maintaining that he was undecided on New START. Since many Republicans said they'd follow Kyl's lead on the treaty, the game was set, and the administration started courting Kyl.

But it's likely Kyl never intended to support the treaty. He even admitted he was dragging things out for attention and influence, stating, "If I announce for or against the treaty at this point, nobody would listen to me."

Still, the administration believed it needed to demonstrate a spirit of accommodation, so it pledged to Kyl a whopping \$85 billion for the U.S. nuclear complex over 10 years. Ultimately, Kyl voted against the treaty, in spite of gifts of nuclear pork.

While Americans face painful cuts in social spending, does it make sense to spend billions on upgrades for a shrinking nuclear arsenal? The spending could also encourage the spread of nuclear weapons, and Peace Action is organizing to block it.

REPUBLICANS TORPEDO EFFORT TO PREVENT FORCED CHILD MARRIAGE

House Republicans mobilized to kill a bill that could have helped stop forced child marriage and would have given girls living in extreme poverty economic and educational opportunities. You won't believe their reasoning.



The Senate approved the bill unanimously, so the time-crunched House opted to use a procedure that would allow them to pass it quickly by not allowing time to propose amendments. However, that procedure requires a two-thirds majority vote. But legislators from both sides of the aisle had worked for months to build support, and they were confident they had the votes they needed.

Then Republican Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) circulated a letter saying the program was too costly, and making bogus links to abortion rights. At the last second, Republican leaders announced they would oppose the bill and encouraged others to follow. Even the bill's Republican backers were stunned by the stunt, and had no time to push back. The bill went down just shy of the two-thirds threshold (House vote #645). Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), the lead Senate sponsor, responded, "Those who voted to continue this barbaric practice brought shame to Capitol Hill."

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BILL DESCRIPTIONS

House of Representatives

Use the color-coded icons to easily differentiate the good from the bad. Each  represents a bill we supported. Each  represents a bill we opposed. Members of Congress who abstained or were absent are marked with an NV. Members of Congress were not penalized for missed votes.

AFGHANISTAN

1 END THE WAR IN 2010 (ROLL CALL #98)

Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) introduced this resolution to direct the president to remove all troops from Afghanistan by December 31, 2010. The hours of debate shone a light on growing opposition to the war, and the vote laid down a marker as 65 representatives supported the strongest bill yet on withdrawing troops. **Failed, 65-356.**

2 FUND A SAFE AND ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL (RC #432)

As the House debated spending more than \$30 billion on escalating the war, Barbara Lee (D-CA) offered this amendment which would have prohibited military funding for anything other than a safe and orderly withdrawal of U.S. troops. **Failed, 100-321.**

3 CONGRESSIONAL VOTE COUNT AGAINST WAR GROWS (RC #433)

After racking up cosponsors on a bill to require the president to set a withdrawal timeline, Jim McGovern (D-MA) and David Obey (D-WI) offered a version as an amendment to war funding. This vote marked the height of opposition to the war in the House, with 162 representatives, including Speaker Nancy Pelosi, voting in favor. **Failed, 162-260.**

4 BILLIONS MORE FOR WAR (RC #474)

The House took a final disappointing vote to pass more than \$30 billion in funding without restrictions to continue the war. **Passed, 308-114.**

IRAN

5 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE SANCTIONS THAT HURT IRANIANS (RC #394)

This final vote on broad, unilateral sanctions against Iran happened after the House and Senate each passed different versions of sanctions (see the Peace Action 2009 voting record). The final compromise version did not address concerns about the impact of sanctions on regular Iranians who do not have control over the actions of their authoritarian government. **Passed, 408-8.**

WASTEFUL WEAPONS SYSTEMS

6 CUT FUNDING FOR JET PARTS THE PENTAGON DOESN'T WANT (RC #316)

In the midst of a recession that is putting social programs on the chopping block, Congress once again refused to cut weapons programs that even the Pentagon doesn't want. Chellie Pingree's (D-ME) amendment would have cut \$485 million for the wasteful alternate engine program for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. **Failed, 193-231.**

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

7 PREVENT DANGEROUS NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION (RC #16)

Tracking and securing nuclear material is essential to preventing smuggling and improving our security. The Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act, offered by Adam Schiff (D-CA), builds investment in the science of nuclear forensics, allowing the government to track sensitive nuclear material and cooperate with allies to prevent nuclear terrorism. **Passed, 397-10.**

HUMAN RIGHTS

8 PROTECT GIRLS BY STOPPING CHILD MARRIAGE (RC #645)










































































































































































































Research shows that where women are empowered, societies are stronger, with more stable economies and better human rights records. In our interconnected world, programs that empower women and girls make the world better and safer for all of us.

This bill would have authorized the president to provide assistance for economic and educational opportunities and directed him to develop a strategy to prevent child marriage in developing countries. While the bill received majority support, it was brought up through a procedure that required two-thirds support and was thus not passed. **Failed, 241-166.**

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
ALABAMA									
1 Jo Bonner (R)							NV		0%
2 Bobby Bright (D)									25%
3 Michael Rogers (R)									13%
4 Robert Aderholt (R)									13%
5 Parker Griffith (R)		NV	NV						33%
6 Spencer Bachus (R)									13%
7 Artur Davis (D)	NV					NV	NV		20%
ALASKA									
Don Young (R)		NV	NV		NV		NV		0%
ARIZONA									
1 Ann Kirkpatrick (D)									38%
2 Trent Franks (R)									13%
3 John Shadegg (R)									25%
4 Ed Pastor (D)									63%
5 Harry Mitchell (D)									38%
6 Jeff Flake (R)									38%
7 Raul Grijalva (D)									88%
8 Gabrielle Giffords (D)									38%
ARKANSAS									
1 Marion Berry (D)								NV	43%
2 Vic Snyder (D)									25%
3 John Boozman (R)									13%
4 Mike Ross (D)									38%
CALIFORNIA									
1 Mike Thompson (D)									63%
2 Wally Herger (R)									25%
3 Dan Lungren (R)									13%
4 Tom McClintock (R)									25%
5 Doris Matsui (D)									75%
6 Lynn Woolsey (D)		NV	NV		NV	P			100%
7 George Miller (D)									88%

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S Speaker. As presiding officer, the Speaker of the House did not vote.

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
CALIFORNIA (continued...)									
8 Nancy Pelosi (D)	S	S		S		S	S	S	50%
9 Barbara Lee (D)									88%
10 John Garamendi (D)									63%
11 Jerry McNerney (D)									25%
12 Jackie Speier (D)									88%
13 Pete Stark (D)									100%
14 Anna Eshoo (D)									63%
15 Mike Honda (D)									75%
16 Zoe Lofgren (D)									75%
17 Sam Farr (D)									88%
18 Dennis Cardoza (D)									50%
19 George Radanovich (R)		NV	NV				NV	NV	0%
20 Jim Costa (D)									38%
21 Devin Nunes (R)									13%
22 Kevin McCarthy (R)									13%
23 Lois Capps (D)									50%
24 Elton Gallegly (R)									13%
25 Howard "Buck" McKeon (R)									13%
26 David Dreier (R)									13%
27 Brad Sherman (D)									38%
28 Howard Berman (D)									38%
29 Adam Schiff (D)									50%
30 Henry Waxman (D)									75%
31 Xavier Becerra (D)									75%
32 Judy Chu (D)									75%
33 Diane Watson (D)		NV		NV					67%
34 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)									38%
35 Maxine Waters (D)					P	NV	NV		100%
36 Jane Harman (D)									63%
37 Laura Richardson (D)									75%
38 Grace Napolitano (D)									88%
39 Linda Sanchez (D)									75%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
CALIFORNIA (continued...)									
40 Ed Royce (R)									13%
41 Jerry Lewis (R)							NV		0%
42 Gary Miller (R)									13%
43 Joe Baca (D)									38%
44 Ken Calvert (R)									13%
45 Mary Bono Mack (R)									13%
46 Dana Rohrabacher (R)									63%
47 Loretta Sanchez (D)									75%
48 John Campbell (R)					NV				63%
49 Darrell Issa (R)									13%
50 Brian Bilbray (R)									13%
51 Bob Filner (D)									88%
52 Duncan Hunter (R)									13%
53 Susan Davis (D)									25%
COLORADO									
1 Diana DeGette (D)								NV	57%
2 Jared Polis (D)									88%
3 John Salazar (D)								NV	29%
4 Betsy Markey (D)									38%
5 Doug Lamborn (R)									13%
6 Mike Coffman (R)									25%
7 Ed Perlmutter (D)									50%
CONNECTICUT									
1 John Larson (D)									88%
2 Joseph Courtney (D)									50%
3 Rosa DeLauro (D)									75%
4 Jim Himes (D)									50%
5 Christopher Murphy (D)									63%
DELAWARE									
Michael N. Castle (R)									25%

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FLORIDA									
1 Jeff Miller (R)									25%
2 Allen Boyd (D)									38%
3 Corrine Brown (D)									63%
4 Ander Crenshaw (R)							NV		14%
5 Ginny Brown-Waite (R)						NV			29%
6 Cliff Stearns (R)									25%
7 John Mica (R)									13%
8 Alan Grayson (D)				NV					86%
9 Gus Bilirakis (R)									13%
10 C.W. Bill Young (R)	NV			NV				NV	20%
11 Kathy Castor (D)									63%
12 Adam Putnam (R)									13%
13 Vern Buchanan (R)									25%
14 Connie Mack (R)									25%
15 Bill Posey (R)									25%
16 Tom Rooney (R)									25%
17 Kendrick Meek (D)				NV					43%
18 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R)							NV		0%
19 Ted Deutch (D)	*						*		50%
20 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)	NV								43%
21 Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R)	NV								14%
22 Ron Klein (D)									38%
23 Alcee Hastings (D)						NV			86%
24 Suzanne Kosmas (D)									38%
25 Mario Diaz-Balart (R)									13%
GEORGIA									
1 Jack Kingston (R)									13%
2 Sanford Bishop (D)							NV		29%
3 Lynn Westmoreland (R)									25%
4 Henry "Hank" Johnson (D)									63%
5 John Lewis (D)									88%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
GEORGIA (continued...)									
6 Tom Price (R)									13%
7 John Linder (R)									38%
8 Jim Marshall (D)									25%
9 Tom Graves (R)	*					*	*		0%
10 Paul Broun (R)									25%
11 Phil Gingrey (R)									38%
12 John Barrow (D)									38%
13 David Scott (D)									25%
HAWAII									
1 Charles Djou (R)	*						*		0%
2 Mazie Hirono (D)									75%
IDAHO									
1 Walt Minnick (D)									38%
2 Mike Simpson (R)									25%
ILLINOIS									
1 Bobby Rush (D)								NV	71%
2 Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D)									88%
3 Dan Lipinski (D)									13%
4 Luis Gutierrez (D)			NV						71%
5 Mike Quigley (D)									88%
6 Peter Roskam (R)									13%
7 Danny K. Davis (D)									88%
8 Melissa Bean (D)									38%
9 Janice Schakowsky (D)									75%
10 Mark Kirk (R)								*	29%
11 Deborah Halvorson (D)								NV	14%
12 Jerry Costello (D)									50%
13 Judy Biggert (R)									13%
14 Bill Foster (D)									25%
15 Timothy V. Johnson (R)									75%

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ILLINOIS (continued...)									
16 Donald Manzullo (R)									13%
17 Phil Hare (D)								NV	43%
18 Aaron Schock (R)					NV				29%
19 John Shimkus (R)									13%
INDIANA									
1 Peter Visclosky (D)					NV				43%
2 Joe Donnelly (D)									25%
3 Marlin Stutzman (R)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		0%
4 Steve Buyer (R)								NV	14%
5 Dan Burton (R)									13%
6 Mike Pence (R)									13%
7 Andre Carson (D)				NV					29%
8 Brad Ellsworth (D)									25%
9 Baron Hill (D)									25%
IOWA									
1 Bruce Braley (D)							NV		43%
2 Dave Loebsack (D)									38%
3 Leonard Boswell (D)									38%
4 Tom Latham (R)									25%
5 Steve King (R)									13%
KANSAS									
1 Jerry Moran (R)				NV					29%
2 Lynn Jenkins (R)									25%
3 Dennis Moore (D)									25%
4 Todd Tiahrt (R)				NV					29%
KENTUCKY									
1 Ed Whitfield (R)									13%
2 Brett Guthrie (R)									13%
3 John Yarmuth (D)									50%
4 Geoff Davis (R)						NV			14%

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KENTUCKY (continued...)									
5 Harold Rogers (R)									13%
6 Ben Chandler (D)									25%
LOUISIANA									
1 Steve Scalise (R)									13%
2 Anh Cao (R)									13%
3 Charlie Melancon (D)						NV			29%
4 John Fleming (R)									13%
5 Rodney Alexander (R)									13%
6 Bill Cassidy (R)									25%
7 Charles Boustany (R)							NV		14%
MAINE									
1 Chellie Pingree (D)									88%
2 Mike Michaud (D)									88%
MARYLAND									
1 Frank Kratovil (D)									38%
2 Dutch Ruppersberger (D)									25%
3 John Sarbanes (D)									38%
4 Donna Edwards (D)									88%
5 Steny Hoyer (D)									38%
6 Roscoe Bartlett (R)									13%
7 Elijah Cummings (D)									75%
8 Chris Van Hollen (D)								NV	43%
MASSACHUSETTS									
1 John Olver (D)								NV	86%
2 Richard Neal (D)									88%
3 Jim McGovern (D)									75%
4 Barney Frank (D)									75%
5 Niki Tsongas (D)									75%
6 John Tierney (D)									75%

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MASSACHUSETTS (cont.)									
7 Ed Markey (D)									75%
8 Mike Capuano (D)									75%
9 Stephen Lynch (D)									38%
10 Bill Delahunt (D)									63%
MICHIGAN									
1 Bart Stupak (D)									88%
2 Peter Hoekstra (R)	NV	NV	NV		NV				50%
3 Vern Ehlers (R)									50%
4 Dave Lee Camp (R)	NV								29%
5 Dale Kildee (D)									38%
6 Fred Upton (R)									25%
7 Mark Schauer (D)									38%
8 Mike Rogers (R)									13%
9 Gary Peters (D)									38%
10 Candice Miller (R)									13%
11 Thaddeus McCotter (R)									13%
12 Sander Levin (D)									25%
13 Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D)									50%
14 John Conyers (D)	NV	NV	NV						100%
15 John Dingell (D)									25%
MINNESOTA									
1 Tim Walz (D)									50%
2 John Kline (R)									13%
3 Erik Paulsen (R)									38%
4 Betty McCollum (D)									75%
5 Keith Ellison (D)									88%
6 Michele Bachmann (R)									13%
7 Collin Peterson (D)									38%
8 James Oberstar (D)					NV				86%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	TOTAL
MISSISSIPPI									
1 Travis Childers (D)									13%
2 Bennie Thompson (D)									63%
3 Gregg Harper (R)									13%
4 Gene Taylor (D)									13%
MISSOURI									
1 William Lacy Clay (D)									75%
2 Todd Akin (R)				NV					14%
3 Russ Carnahan (D)									50%
4 Ike Skelton (D)									25%
5 Emanuel Cleaver (D)							NV	NV	67%
6 Sam Graves (R)				NV		NV			17%
7 Roy Blunt (R)					NV				14%
8 Jo Ann Emerson (R)									13%
9 Blaine Luetkemeyer (R)									13%
MONTANA									
Denny Rehberg (R)									25%
NEBRASKA									
1 Jeff Fortenberry (R)									

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NEW JERSEY (continued...)									
3 John Adler (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
4 Chris Smith (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	13%
5 Scott Garrett (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
6 Frank Pallone (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
7 Leonard Lance (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
8 Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
9 Steve Rothman (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	🌐	🌐	🌐	43%
10 Donald Payne (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
11 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
12 Rush Holt (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
13 Albio Sires (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
NEW MEXICO									
1 Martin Heinrich (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
2 Harry Teague (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	🌐	🌐	🌐	43%
3 Ben Lujan (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
NEW YORK									
1 Tim Bishop (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
2 Steve Israel (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
3 Peter King (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
4 Carolyn McCarthy (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	14%
5 Gary Ackerman (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
6 Gregory Meeks (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
7 Joseph Crowley (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
8 Jerrold Nadler (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	88%
9 Anthony Weiner (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	63%
10 Edolphus Towns (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	88%
11 Yvette Clarke (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
12 Nydia Velázquez (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
13 Mike McMahon (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	🌐	14%
14 Carolyn Maloney (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	88%
15 Charles Rangel (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	71%

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NEW YORK (continued...)									
16 José Serrano (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	🌐	71%
17 Eliot Engel (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
18 Nita Lowey (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
19 John Hall (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	50%
20 Scott Murphy (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
21 Paul Tonko (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	63%
22 Maurice Hinchey (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
23 Bill Owens (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
24 Michael Arcuri (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
25 Dan Maffei (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
26 Christopher Lee (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
27 Brian Higgins (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
28 Louise McIntosh Slaughter (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	P	🌐	🌐	71%
29 Tom Reed (R)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	🌐	0%
NORTH CAROLINA									
1 G. K. Butterfield (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	🌐	14%
2 Bob Etheridge (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
3 Walter Jones (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
4 David Price (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
5 Virginia Foxx (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	13%
6 Howard Coble (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	13%
7 Mike McIntyre (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
8 Larry Kissell (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%
9 Sue Myrick (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	13%
10. Patrick McHenry (R)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	NV	14%
11 Heath Shuler (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
12 Melvin Watt (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	75%
13 Brad Miller (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	38%
NORTH DAKOTA									
Earl Pomeroy (D)	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	🌐	25%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
OHIO									
1 Steve Driehaus (D)									25%
2 Jean Schmidt (R)									13%
3 Michael Turner (R)									13%
4 Jim Jordan (R)									13%
5 Robert Latta (R)									13%
6 Charlie Wilson (D)									38%
7 Steve Austria (R)									13%
8 John Boehner (R)									13%
9 Marcy Kaptur (D)									38%
10 Dennis Kucinich (D)									88%
11 Marcia Fudge (D)									63%
12 Patrick Tiberi (R)									25%
13 Betty Sutton (D)									38%
14 Steve LaTourette (R)									25%
15 Mary Jo Kilroy (D)								NV	29%
16 John Boccieri (D)									25%
17 Tim Ryan (D)									38%
18 Zack Space (D)									25%
OKLAHOMA									
1 John Sullivan (R)									25%
2 Dan Boren (D)						NV			29%
3 Frank Lucas (R)									13%
4 Tom Cole (R)									25%
5 Mary Fallin (R)									13%
OREGON									
1 David Wu (D)									50%
2 Greg Walden (R)									25%
3 Earl Blumenauer (D)									88%
4 Peter DeFazio (D)									88%
5 Kurt Schrader (D)									75%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
PENNSYLVANIA									
1 Robert Brady (D)							NV		29%
2 Chaka Fattah (D)									63%
3 Kathy Dahlkemper (D)									38%
4 Jason Altmire (D)									38%
5 Glenn Thompson (R)									25%
6 Jim Gerlach (R)									13%
7 Joe Sestak (D)									25%
8 Patrick Murphy (D)									38%
9 Bill Shuster (R)									13%
10 Christopher Carney (D)									38%
11 Paul Kanjorski (D)									38%
12 Mark Critz (D)	*						*		17%
13 Allyson Schwartz (D)									38%
14 Mike Doyle (D)									88%
15 Charles Dent (R)									38%
16 Joseph Pitts (R)									13%
17 Tim Holden (D)									25%
18 Tim Murphy (R)									13%
19 Todd Platts (R)									13%
RHODE ISLAND									
1 Patrick Kennedy (D)									50%
2 James Langevin (D)									25%
SOUTH CAROLINA									
1 Henry Brown, Jr. (R)					NV			NV	17%
2 Joe Wilson (R)									13%
3 Gresham Barrett (R)	NV				NV		NV		0%
4 Bob Inglis (R)									13%
5 John Spratt (D)									25%
6 James Clyburn (D)									25%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)									38%
TENNESSEE									
1 Phil Roe (R)									25%
2 John Duncan (R)					NV				71%
3 Zach Wamp (R)		NV	NV		NV		NV	NV	33%
4 Lincoln Davis (D)									38%
5 Jim Cooper (D)									38%
6 Bart Gordon (D)								NV	29%
7 Marsha Blackburn (R)									25%
8 John Tanner (D)								NV	29%
9 Steve Cohen (D)									75%
TEXAS									
1 Louie Gohmert (R)								NV	14%
2 Ted Poe (R)									13%
3 Sam Johnson (R)		NV	NV						33%
4 Ralph Hall (R)									13%
5 Jeb Hensarling (R)							NV		14%
6 Joe Barton (R)									25%
7 John Culberson (R)							NV		0%
8 Kevin Brady (R)									25%
9 Al Green (D)									38%
10 Michael McCaul (R)							NV		0%
11 Mike Conaway (R)									13%
12 Kay Granger (R)								NV	29%
13 Mac Thornberry (R)									13%
14 Ron Paul (R)									75%
15 Rubén Hinojosa (D)					NV		NV		50%
16 Silvestre Reyes (D)									38%
17 Chet Edwards (D)									38%
18 Sheila Jackson Lee (D)									88%

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	AFGHANISTAN				IRAN	MILITARY WASTE	NUKES	HUMAN RIGHTS	
TEXAS (continued...)									
19 Randy Neugebauer (R)									25%
20 Charles Gonzalez (D)									50%
21 Lamar Smith (R)									13%
22 Pete Olson (R)									13%
23 Ciro Rodriguez (D)		NV	NV						50%
24 Kenny Marchant (R)								NV	14%
25 Lloyd Doggett (D)									63%
26 Michael Burgess (R)									25%
27 Solomon Ortiz (D)								NV	29%
28 Henry Cuellar (D)									38%
29 Gene Green (D)									38%
30 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D)							NV	NV	50%
31 John Carter (R)									13%
32 Pete Sessions (R)									13%
UTAH									
1 Rob Bishop (R)									13%
2 Jim Matheson (D)									25%
3 Jason Chaffetz (R)									63%
VERMONT									
Peter Welch (D)									75%
VIRGINIA									
1 Robert Wittman (R)									13%
2 Glenn Nye (D)									25%
3 Bobby Scott (D)									63%
4 Randy Forbes (R)									13%
5 Tom Perriello (D)									38%
6 Bob Goodlatte (R)									13%
7 Eric Cantor (R)									13%
8 Jim Moran (D)									50%
9 Rick Boucher (D)									13%

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VIRGINIA (continued...)									
10 Frank Wolf (R)									13%
11 Gerry Connolly (D)									38%
WASHINGTON									
1 Jay Inslee (D)									75%
2 Rick Larsen (D)									25%
3 Brian Baird (D)									50%
4 Doc Hastings (R)									13%
5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R)								NV	14%
6 Norm Dicks (D)									38%
7 Jim McDermott (D)					NV				100%
8 Dave Reichert (R)									13%
9 Adam Smith (D)									38%
WEST VIRGINIA									
1 Alan Mollohan (D)									25%
2 Shelley Moore Capito (R)		NV	NV						33%
3 Nick Rahall (D)									25%
WISCONSIN									
1 Paul Ryan (R)						NV			14%
2 Tammy Baldwin (D)									100%
3 Ron Kind (D)									38%
4 Gwen Moore (D)									75%
5 Jim Sensenbrenner (R)									25%
6 Tom Petri (R)									13%
7 Dave Obey (D)									88%
8 Steve Kagen (D)									88%
WYOMING									
Cynthia Lummis (R)									0%

AFGHANISTAN

1 SET A TIMELINE FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN (ROLL CALL #168)

After nearly 9 years of war, Russ Feingold (D-WI) introduced this amendment requiring the president to submit a timeline for withdrawal from Afghanistan by December 31, 2010. Eighteen senators went on the record supporting an end to the war, a strong showing for the first ever Senate vote on a timeline. **Failed, 18-80.**

2 BILLIONS MORE FOR AFGHANISTAN WAR (RC #176)

In order to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, the Senate approved \$33 billion for war. The bill ballooned to \$59 billion with added spending for programs like Haiti relief and oil spill cleanup. Most of the opposing votes were from Republicans who objected to the nonmilitary spending. **Passed, 67-28.**

IRAN

3 UNILATERAL SANCTIONS ON IRAN (RC #199)

The Senate passed this final version of broad, unilateral sanctions against Iran. The sanctions prohibit petroleum imports, and double down on a punitive approach that has failed to deliver results. By targeting the import of petroleum products, these sanctions hurt middle- and lower-class Iranians the most. Sanctions are already causing a spike in the cost of natural gas, gasoline and kerosene, which Iranians use every day in their homes and for transportation. Meanwhile, the rich and powerful, including members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, have succeeded in consolidating power and profiting under the sanctions economy. **Passed, 99-0.**

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Votes number 4 through 13 cover treaty opponents' attempts to kill the New START Treaty.

After their attempts to filibuster New START failed, some Republicans attempted to scuttle the treaty by amending the language of the agreement. This would have forced the U.S. to take the treaty back to Russia for renegotiation, further stalling the treaty more than one year after the critical inspection and verification provisions in the previous START treaty had expired. Fortunately, enough Republicans saw through this obstructionist tactic and joined Democrats to defeat all of these amendments with strong majorities.

4 REMOVE ONE SENTENCE REFERRING TO MISSILE DEFENSE (RC #282)

Because of a common Republican fervor for expensive and useless missile defense systems, John McCain (R-AZ) offered this amendment to remove a sentence that acknowledged a link between missile defense and nuclear weapons, even though the treaty does not have any provisions relating to missile defense. **Failed, 37-59.**

5 ADD A REFERENCE TO WEAPONS NOT COVERED BY THE TREATY (RC #283)

New START does not address Russia's numerical advantage in short-range nuclear weapons, just like the previous START treaty, which was embraced by Republicans. But this time, James Risch (R-ID) tried to amend the treaty to include a sentence linking short-range and long-range weapons, despite the fact that the Obama administration has always made clear that working with Russia to include short-range weapons in the future is an important next step after New START. **Failed, 32-60.**

6 CHANGE THE AGREED-UPON NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS (RC #285)

From James Inhofe (R-OK), this amendment would have increased the number of inspections of nuclear weapons sites in the treaty, even though the number of inspections on both sides was agreed upon after months of intense negotiation. **Failed, 33-64.**

7 CHANGE THE AGREED-UPON NUMBER OF WEAPONS (RC #286)

From John Thune (R-SD), this amendment would have increased the number of delivery vehicles (like missiles) allowed by the treaty. **Failed, 33-64.**

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8 REQUIRE THE U.S. AND RUSSIA TO NEGOTIATE ANOTHER TREATY (RC #287)

George LeMieux (R-FL) introduced this amendment to require the U.S. and Russia to start negotiating a new treaty on short-range weapons within a year. While continuing the treaty process with Russia is crucial to achieving a world free of nuclear weapons, the real result of passing this amendment would be to scuttle one treaty in order to force another one. **Failed, 35-62.**

9 INCLUDE WEAPONS THAT NO ONE ACTUALLY HAS (RC # 293)

John Ensign (R-NV) introduced an amendment to include nuclear missiles mounted on train cars in the treaty, even though the U.S. and Russia no longer have any, nor plan to use any ever again. **Failed, 32-63.**

10 MOTION TO TABLE AMENDMENT ON "STOLEN" MILITARY EQUIPMENT (RC #294)

James Risch (R-ID) introduced this amendment attempting to connect the treaty to an unrelated and relatively minor controversy. It would have made the treaty contingent on the return of U.S. military equipment that Russia may have confiscated in the 2008 invasion of the Republic of Georgia. This motion tabled the amendment, preventing a vote. **Passed, 61-32.**

11 SENATE TAKEOVER OF THE TREATY IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS (RC #295)

New START creates a bilateral team responsible for coordinating implementation of the treaty. Roger Wicker's (R-MS) amendment would have required that team to submit everything they decide to the Senate for ratification, as if it were a new treaty. **Failed, 34-59.**

12 INCLUDE A WHOLE NEW KIND OF WEAPON IN THE TREATY (RC #296)

Jon Kyl (R-AZ) submitted this amendment to force the president to negotiate a 'side agreement' with Russia about a separate type of weapon that is not in the START treaty, again inappropriately tying a separate negotiation process to this treaty and forcing Russia to answer to the U.S. Senate. **Failed, 31-62.**

13 CHANGE THE VERIFICATION RULES (RC #297)

In another amendment, Jon Kyl (R-AZ) attempted to single-handedly rewrite the inspection and verification system in the treaty. **Failed, 30-63.**

14 NEW START: ANOTHER STEP TOWARD ELIMINATING NUCLEAR WEAPONS (RC #298)

Thirteen Republicans joined Democrats to pass the first major nuclear arms treaty in decades. New START requires the U.S. and Russia, the owners of 95% of the world's nuclear weapons, to reduce their strategic deployed nuclear weapons arsenals to 1,550. The ratification of this treaty begins to restore U.S. credibility and sets the stage for pursuing other critical steps toward a nuclear weapons free world. **Passed, 71-26.**



Less than 10% of the money Congress appropriated for Afghanistan in 2010 went to programs that educate children and bring greater peace and stability.

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	AFGHAN-ISTAN	IRAN	NEW START TREATY												
ALABAMA															
Jeff Sessions (R)															7%
Richard Shelby (R)															9%
ALASKA															
Mark Begich (D)															73%
Lisa Murkowski (R)															50%
ARIZONA															
Jon Kyl (R)															7%
John McCain (R)															7%
ARKANSAS															
Blanche Lincoln (D)															85%
Mark Pryor (D)															79%
CALIFORNIA															
Barbara Boxer (D)															86%
Dianne Feinstein (D)															79%
COLORADO															
Michael Bennet (D)															79%
Mark Udall (D)															79%
CONNECTICUT															
Christopher Dodd (D)															79%
Joe Lieberman (I)															64%
DELAWARE															
Thomas Carper (D)															79%
Chris Coons (D)	*	*	*												100%
FLORIDA															
George LeMieux (R)															0%
Bill Nelson (D)															79%
GEORGIA															
Saxby Chambliss (R)															0%
Johnny Isakson (R)															38%

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	AFGHAN-ISTAN		IRAN	NEW START TREATY										TOTAL	
HAWAII															
Daniel Akaka (D)															79%
Daniel Inouye (D)															79%
IDAHO															
Mike Crapo (R)															7%
Jim Risch (R)															7%
ILLINOIS															
Mark Kirk (R)	*	*	*		NV										10%
Richard Durbin (D)															86%
INDIANA															
Evan Bayh (D)						NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	50%
Richard Lugar (R)															79%
IOWA															
Charles Grassley (R)															7%
Tom Harkin (D)															86%
KANSAS															
Sam Brownback (R)						NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	20%
Pat Roberts (R)															7%
KENTUCKY															
Jim Bunning (R)				NV	NV										9%
Mitch McConnell (R)															0%
LOUISIANA															
Mary Landrieu (D)															79%
David Vitter (R)		NV													0%
MAINE															
Susan Collins (R)															36%
Olympia Snowe (R)															7%
MARYLAND															
Benjamin Cardin (D)															79%
Barbara Mikulski (D)															79%

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	AFGHAN-ISTAN		IRAN	NEW START TREATY										TOTAL		
MASSACHUSETTS																
Scott Brown (R)																7%
John Kerry (D)															79%	
MICHIGAN																
Carl Levin (D)															79%	
Debbie Stabenow (D)															79%	
MINNESOTA																
Al Franken (D)															79%	
Amy Klobuchar (D)															79%	
MISSISSIPPI																
Thad Cochran (R)																7%
Roger Wicker (R)															7%	
MISSOURI																
Christopher Bond (R)															0%	
Claire McCaskill (D)		NV													85%	
MONTANA																
Max Baucus (D)															86%	
Jon Tester (D)															86%	
NEBRASKA																
Mike Johanns (R)																7%
Ben Nelson (D)															79%	
NEVADA																
John Ensign (R)															7%	
Harry Reid (D)															79%	
NEW HAMPSHIRE																
Judd Gregg (R)				NV											75%	
Jeanne Shaheen (D)					NV										77%	
NEW JERSEY																
Frank Lautenberg (D)															79%	
Robert Menendez (D)															79%	

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NEW MEXICO																
Jeff Bingaman (D)																79%
Tom Udall (D)																86%
NEW YORK																
Kirsten Gillibrand (D)											NV					85%
Charles Schumer (D)																86%
NORTH CAROLINA																
Richard Burr (R)																7%
Kay Hagan (D)																79%
NORTH DAKOTA																
Kent Conrad (D)																79%
Byron Dorgan (D)																86%
OHIO																
Sherrrod Brown (D)																86%
George Voinovich (R)					NV											77%
OKLAHOMA																
Tom Coburn (R)											NV					8%
James Inhofe (R)																7%
OREGON																
Jeff Merkley (D)																86%
Ron Wyden (D)					NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV	NV		80%
PENNSYLVANIA																
Robert Casey (D)																79%
Arlen Specter (D)					NV											85%
RHODE ISLAND																
Jack Reed (D)																79%
Sheldon Whitehouse (D)																79%
SOUTH CAROLINA																
Jim DeMint (R)					NV											8%
Lindsey Graham (R)																7%

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	AFGHAN-ISTAN	IRAN	NEW START TREATY											TOTAL		
SOUTH DAKOTA																
Tim Johnson (D)																79%
John Thune (R)																7%
TENNESSEE																
Lamar Alexander (R)																64%
Bob Corker (R)																79%
TEXAS																
John Cornyn (R)																7%
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)		NV														0%
UTAH																
Bob Bennett (R)																79%
Orrin Hatch (R)				NV												8%
VERMONT																
Patrick Leahy (D)																86%
Bernie Sanders (I)																86%
VIRGINIA																
Mark Warner (D)																79%
Jim Webb (D)																79%
WASHINGTON																
Maria Cantwell (D)																86%
Patty Murray (D)																86%
WEST VIRGINIA																
Joe Manchin (D)	*	*	*	NV												100%
John Rockefeller (D)																79%
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Russ Feingold (D)																93%
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John Barrasso (R)																7%
Mike Enzi (R)																7%

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FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS, 2010

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Best Practices For Communicating with Congress

Excerpted and adapted from a helpful report by the Congressional Management Foundation

Sending a letter to [or calling] a member of Congress is not equivalent to casting a ballot or answering a survey, where the choice with the most responses "wins." Sending a letter to a member of Congress is more like giving a speech at a town meeting or writing a letter to the editor. The content matters. The operating assumption of many congressional staff is that the more thought constituents give to the communication, the more passionately they care about the issue. Quality messages are those that are:

- 1. Personalized.** Even just one relevant and personalized sentence or paragraph in an otherwise generic message conveys some sense of a constituent's sentiment. The more personalized the message, the better. It significantly helps the communication if one's personal views, experiences, and the reasons for one's opinions are included in the message.
- 2. Short.** Congressional staff review hundreds of letters every week, so covering an issue in a few short paragraphs helps them immensely.
- 3. Targeted.** Messages that convey knowledge of specific legislation, the member's stance on the issue, and the impact the legislation will have on the member's constituents, district, or state tend to be much more persuasive than generic messages.
- 4. Informative.** Congressional offices do not have the resources to research and track every bill, so they focus on legislation being considered in their members' committees or by the full House or Senate. Often constituents bring new legislation to their attention, requiring staff to do research so as to be able to discuss and respond to it. For this reason, quality messages contain specific information about the legislation in question.

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