

To: Members of the U.S. Congress :

Subject: Pass the B.U.R.M.A. Act, Open Letter Signed by the Diaspora of Burma in America and Endorsed by the CSOs and CBOs inside Burma and Global Solidarity Organization to the United State Congress to Pass the Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability (BURMA) Act of 2021

Dear United States Representatives and Senators,

We, the diaspora with our roots from all various regions of Burma residing in the United States, with the endorsement by civil society organizations and community-based organizations inside Burma and global solidarity organizations, write to express our support for the BURMA Act and request its expedited passage into law. Since October 6th, 2021, when 242 Burmese diaspora, local CSOs inside Burma, community-based organizations, and civil society organizations signed [an open letter](#) to the United States Congress to support the BURMA Act of 2021, the situation on the ground has only worsened.

As of March 26th, 2022, the military junta had killed 1,707 civilians and arbitrarily arrested 12,970 people according to the [Assistance Association for Political Prisoners AAPP \(Burma\)](#). Moreover, the military-perpetrated ongoing airstrikes and heavy artillery launches in ethnic areas had resulted in 1.2 million persons of concern, including 810,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and 600,000 stateless Rohingyas being forced to flee homes for their lives according to [the latest UNHCR report](#).

We welcome the latest set of actions by the United States to reaffirm its ongoing support for Burma's democracy in particular through [Senator McConnell-led amendment](#) to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2022, [additional treasury sanctions](#) on March 25, 2022, [a letter of support](#) for Burmese democracy signed by 14 Senators and Members of Congress urging Secretary Blinken and State Department to take actions, the passage of [S. Res 35](#) in the Senate, and [US Government's Rohingya Genocide Determination](#). We thank Representative Meeks, Representative Bera, and Representative Chabot for [their joint statement](#) on the one-year anniversary, and their continued demonstration of support for the democracy and freedom of the people in Burma. We also recognize the House Foreign Affairs Committee's [show of bipartisan support](#) for the BURMA Act on October 21, 2021, and 102 cosponsors from both the House and Senate.

The humanitarian and democracy aid authorized in the BURMA Act are sorely needed, as is the investigation into the oil and gas industry, the accountability for the military's ongoing war crimes, Rohingya genocide and atrocity crimes against ethnic minorities, and a special coordinator position to make sure it all gets done. The sanction language of the Burma Act targets the junta's finances in ways that can hurt the regime while sparing the people from additional suffering.

We, the undersigned, urgently request the United States Congress to pass the BURMA Act of 2021 in consideration of the countless lives taken away by the murderous military junta and the dangers that the authoritarian regime imposes on human rights and democracy. We acknowledge the bipartisan support we have received from the House of Representatives and we call for the same unified support by our Senators. As Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere", we look forward to our democratically-elected Congress taking swift, concrete actions in holding the junta accountable for their crimes and supporting the civilian's efforts in building Burma's path to democracy.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

1. Action Committee for Democracy Development, VA
2. American Rohingya Advocacy/ Arakan Institute for Peace and Development, TX
3. Anti-Dictatorship In Burma- DC Metro Area, MD
4. Arizona Karen Baptist Church, AZ
5. Bethel Myanmar Assembly of God, MD
6. Boston Free Burma, MA
7. Burma Association at Berkeley, CA
8. Burma Task Force, IL
9. Burmese American Community Institute (BACI), IN
10. Burmese American Millennials, Washington DC
11. Burmese Chin Community of Atlanta, GA
12. Burmese Rohingya Community of Wisconsin Inc., WI
13. Burmese Student Association, Cal Poly SLO, CA
14. California Karen Youth Connection, CA
15. Calvary Burmese Church, Washington DC
16. Campaign for a New Myanmar, Washington DC
17. CDM Support Group (India), IL
18. Chin Community of USA-DC Area, Washington DC
19. Chin Leaders, WI
20. Crane Center for Mass Atrocity Prevention, IN
21. Decency & Clarity, VA
22. DFW Myanmar Ethnic Community, TX
23. Fort Wayne Burmese Christian Fellowship Church, IN
24. Freedom For Burma, CA
25. Free Myanmar Inc., TX
26. Free Myanmar Campaign, USA
27. Global Movement for Myanmar Democracy (GM4MD), USA
28. Institute for Asian Democracy, Washington DC
29. International Campaign for the Rohingya (ICR), Washington DC
30. International Christian Concern, Washington DC
31. Karen Baptist Churches, USA
32. Karen Organization of America, MN

33. Karen Organization of San Diego, CA
34. Karen Society of Nebraska, NE
35. Karenni Community of North Carolina, NC
36. Karenni Community of Rochester, NY
37. Karenni Community of Trenton, NJ
38. LA Rohingya Association/ America Rohingya Justice Network, CA
39. Lyncourt Wesleyan Church (Myanmar Service), NY
40. Myanmar Queer Straight Alliance, NY
41. Myanmar Society of Georgia, GA
42. Myanmar Student Union USA, CA & MN
43. Nationalities Alliance of Burma, USA
44. No Business with Genocide, Washington DC
45. Overseas Burmese Christians Fellowship, MA
46. Philadelphia Burmese Baptist Church, PA
47. Prayer Pioneers, WV
48. Sacred City, CA
49. Save Myanmar San Francisco, CA
50. Sizang Burmese Mission Church, MD
51. Students for Free Burma (SFB), CA
52. Support the Democracy Movement in Burma, NY
53. Syracuse Myanmar Community, NY
54. US Advocacy Coalition for Myanmar (USACM), Washington DC
55. U.S. Campaign for Burma, Washington DC
56. United States Chin Coalition (USCC), IN
57. Utica Karen Baptist Church, NY
58. Utica Karen Community, NY

Endorsed by:

1. 8888 Generation, New Zealand
2. All Arakan Students' and Youths' Congress
3. All Burma Democratic Face in New Zealand
4. ALTSEAN-Burma
5. Alternative Solutions for Rural Communities (ASORCOM)
6. Assistance Association for Political Prisoners
7. Association of Human Rights Defenders and Promoters
8. Athan Freedom of Expression Activist Organization
9. Auckland Kachin Community, New Zealand
10. Auckland Zomi Community, New Zealand
11. Australian Karen Organisation Inc
12. Backpack Health Workers Team
13. Blood Money Campaign
14. Boat People SOS (BPSOS)
15. Burma Campaign UK
16. Burma Medical Association

17. Burmese Canadian Network
18. Burmese Rohingya Welfare Organisation, New Zealand
19. Burmese Women's Union
20. California-Nevada Philippine Solidarity Task Force, United Methodist Church
21. Cambodian Americans and Friends for Democracy and Human Rights Advocate, USA
22. Chin Community of Auckland, New Zealand
23. CRPH Support Group- Norway
24. Democracy for Ethnic Minorities Organization
25. Democracy for Myanmar - Working Group, New Zealand
26. Democracy, Peace and Women's Organization - DPW
27. Democratic Youth Council
28. EarthRights International
29. Equality Myanmar
30. Federal Myanmar Benevolence Group, New Zealand
31. Fortify Rights
32. Foundation of Khmer Samaki, USA
33. Future Light Center
34. Future Thanlwin
35. General Strike Committee for Nationalities
36. Generation Wave
37. Human Rights Action Center
38. Human Rights Foundation of Monland
39. International Association, Myanmar-Switzerland
40. International Ministries
41. International Society of Myanmar Scholars and Professionals
42. Justice For Myanmar
43. Kachin Women's Association Thailand
44. Karen Human Rights Group
45. Karen Peace Support Network
46. Karen Women's Organization
47. Karenni Civil Society Network
48. Karenni National Women's Organization
49. Karenni Society, New Zealand
50. Keng Tung Youth
51. Key of The World
52. Me Boun Foundation
53. Metta Campaign Mandalay
54. Myanmar Engineers, New Zealand
55. Myanmar Gonye, New Zealand
56. Myanmar People Alliance, Shan State
57. Myanmar Students' Union in New Zealand
58. Myanmar Youth and Student Association-Japan
59. Network for Human Rights Documentation-Burma (ND-Burma)
60. New Zealand Doctors for NUG

61. New Zealand Karen Association
62. New Zealand Zo Community Inc.
63. Olive Organization
64. Overseas Mon Association, New Zealand
65. Progressive Voice
66. Pyithu Gonye, New Zealand
67. Rohingya Christian Community
68. Rohingya-Voice
69. Rvwang Community Association, New Zealand
70. San Francisco Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines
71. Save and Care Organization for Women at Border Areas
72. Save Myanmar Fundraising Group, New Zealand
73. Shan Community, New Zealand
74. Shan MATA
75. Sisters 2 Sisters
76. Sitt Nyein Pann Foundation
77. Southern Youth Development Organization
78. Synergy- Social Harmony Organization
79. Ta'ang Legal Aid
80. Ta'ang Women's Organization
81. Tanintharyi MATA
82. Temple Emanu-El
83. Temple Emanu-El of Utica, NY
84. Twitter Team for Revolution
85. Union of Karenni State Youth
86. Women Advocacy Coalition- Myanmar
87. Women's League of Burma