

## Holocaust Museum Does the Right Thing: Rescinds Human Rights Award From Aung San Suu Kyi

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Last month the Holocaust Museum organized an exhibit in Congress relating to the Rohingya genocide and a few months ago issued a report along with the Fortify Rights that there is mounting evidence of genocide in Burma.

Burma Task Force appreciates today's honorable decision as well as these previous good efforts.

Such actions unfortunately cannot change the facts that ninety percent of the Rohingya people have been displaced from their homeland and that the brutal violence is ongoing.

Now is the time for us to do our part.

Thousands of you made phone calls to elected officials as 100 Burma Task Force members visited 60 Congressional offices last week on Rohingya Advocacy Day to urge Senators and Representatives to support Senate Bill 2060 and House Resolution 4223. Thanks to your effort now 6 more congresspersons and one more senator have endorsed these bills.

### Follow-a-thon

Follow up, follow up and follow up. That is the message if we want to get this job done. If you've called before or on Rohingya Day, please call your reps. again to see what is their response is.

There's many ways to contact your congressmen, but none are as effective as picking up the phone and speaking to a representative or one of their staffers. Emails and letters can be ignored and don't put the same amount of stress and pressure on congressmen as phones ringing off their lines all day long. If your representatives start getting a pattern of calls, they'll discuss the issue at hand with D.C. Read more about what calling congress achieves and why it's effective.

Before You Call Remember a Couple Things.

1. Know what you are asking for. We're asking congress to pass Senate Bill 2060 and House Resolution 4223. You could say the following:

"Hello, I am \_\_\_\_\_, a constituent calling to ask (Name your Senator, or Congressperson) to sponsor and actively support the bills that place stronger sanctions on the government of Myanmar. The current mass displacement of over a million Rohingya men women and children amounts to a genocide.

I would like you to sponsor (say Senate Bill 2060 if connecting with your Senators or HR. 4223 if talking to your Representative)

Rohingyas are indigenous people of Burma living in their ancestral land. They were always citizens, voted and elected their representatives. But a military regime took away their citizenship, created an apartheid type situation and now is committing a genocide.

The situation is very urgent. Suffering is widespread. Please support these bills that pressure the government of Aung Suu Kyi, and please work on a bipartisan basis to pressure the State Department to do much more."

2. Be firm, kind, but persistent. You're more likely to have a back-and-forth conversation if you are respectful but demanding. Being persistent forces staffers to take your requests seriously. If you call constantly, you'll eventually get what you want. Put yourself in the staffers shoes. Do you want to have to talk to this person every Thursday? If the only thing that's going to get rid of you is to cosponsor a bill that her boss might wind up voting for anyway, then why not just get him to cosponsor the bill?

Look through our guide on how to follow up here.

You can write your Senator or call them right from our website.

Call Your Rep  
Rohingya Need Your Help!

Donate, support and volunteer with Burma Task Force. BTF is one of the few campaigns devoted to raising awareness and advocating full time to stop the genocide against the Rohingya Muslims!

Download and Share Alerts and Newsletters with your contacts and places of worship.

Text BURMA to 41411 to stay up to date about the Rohingya Genocide!

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