

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 14, 2018

Donald Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to strongly urge you to consult with and obtain authorization from Congress before ordering any additional U.S. military action in Syria. We are deeply concerned by recent reports indicating that your administration is preparing to again strike Syria in the event of another chemical weapons attack. The Constitution gives the power to declare war to the U.S. Congress and only permits the President to act in self-defense, not simply to further perceived U.S. interests. The War Powers Resolution of 1973 also requires the President to consult with and obtain authorization from Congress prior to the use of offensive military force.

We understand that Syria is on the brink of another violent escalation that will exacerbate the ongoing humanitarian disaster and loss of innocent lives. In addition to lacking authorization, previous U.S. military action in response to the April 2017 and 2018 chemical weapons attacks has not contributed to ending the bloodshed in Syria. Only a political and diplomatic solution can end the war and potentially avoid additional massive casualties.

Accordingly, we urge you to act on your September 4 statement that commits "to find a lasting diplomatic solution to resolve the hostilities in Syria," and we again urge you to act in accordance with the Constitution and obtain authorization from Congress before taking any further military action.

Sincerely,

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