

Ending #ForeverWar

Congress passed the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) following 9/11. Presidents Bush, Obama and Trump used it to justify warrantless surveillance, indefinite detention, the lethal use of drones, the bombing of Syria, and at least 41 military operations in 19 countries.

The AUMF is a flawed, overly broad, blank check that fails to specify what actions are authorized and empowers the President to target anyone deemed a threat – even civilians. The Constitution gives Congress, not the executive, the power to decide where and when to engage in war.

The use of the AUMF has cost the lives of more than 500,000 people, including more than 250,000 civilians and nearly 15,000 U.S. military personnel and contractors, and \$6 trillion. Politically diverse groups such as *VoteVets* and *Concerned Veterans for America* back this repeal effort.

Therefore, we urge Congress to pass HR 1274 and repeal the AUMF.

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