Mobilize Today!

While the U.S. tries to lay the basis for a Middle East peace conference, Israel says "no" to Palestinian representation, "no" to a land-for-peace settlement, and "no" to an independent Palestinian state. In fact, Israel continues to build illegal settlements—which could lead to the de facto annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip—and expects the United States to underwrite the absorption costs of new immigrants.

Now is the time to speak out!

It's time for the U.S. public, Congress and the Administration to "just say NO" to Israel's request for $10 billion in loan guarantees!

On the National Level:

Let the Bush Administration and Congress know there is strong grassroots opposition to the loan guarantees; there are scores of problems to solve at home and countless other countries need urgent attention.

- **Write and call President Bush to voice your concerns:**

  President George Bush
  The White House
  1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
  Washington, D.C. 20500

  The White House Opinion Line is: **(202) 456-1111**

- **Write and call your senators and representatives:**

  Senator _____
  U.S. Senate
  Washington, D.C. 20510

  Representative _____
  U.S. House of Representatives
  Washington, D.C. 20515

  The Congressional Switchboard is **(202) 224-3121**

- **Other key contacts in the Senate and the House include:**

  Sen. Robert Byrd, Chair
  Senate Appropriations Committee

  Sen. Mark Hatfield, Ranking Member
  Senate Appropriations Committee

  Sen. Patrick Leahy, Chair
  Senate Subcommittee on
  Foreign Operations

  Rep. David Obey, Chair
  House Subcommittee on
  Foreign Operations

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On the Local, Regional, and State Levels:

Ask colleagues, friends and neighbors to oppose these loan guarantees. It is also important to contact state and local elected officials. Our cities and states are suffering tremendous financial problems and could use similar loan guarantees to improve roads, highways, schools, transportation systems, etc. Useful information on state and local budget problems is contained in the **Budget Priorities Project**. Order copies for your mayor, state representative and governor (see back page).

- **Contact peace, justice and religious groups, labor unions, homeless coalitions and other local public interest groups**

  In particular, speak to groups whose programs suffer from federal spending cuts. Ask them to join you in meetings with elected officials and to speak out at public gatherings on how $10 billion could be used in their programs.

  If you are a college student, mobilize groups on your campus to rally opposition to the loan guarantees. If your school is facing program cuts or tuition hikes, contact college and university officials. Ask them to raise the loan issue with state and federal officials, and ask how many student loans $10 billion could provide.

- **Adopt a local issue that would benefit from similar loan guarantees**

  Many local institutions and services are suffering from budget cuts, i.e., schools, libraries, parks and recreational facilities, health clinics, public housing programs, etc. If your school district is facing budget problems, ask members of the school board and PTA to ask Congress to redirect the guarantees to provide for educational needs.

  Ask your mayor, city council members, state representative and governor to speak out against the loan guarantees and to urge Congress to reallocate loan guarantees for state and municipal projects.

- **Contact all sectors of the media:**

  Take out ads in local newspapers and public transportation systems.

  Set up meetings with the editorial boards of local newspapers and radio and television stations to discuss the impact of the loan guarantees locally.

  Write letters-to-the-editor and opinion pieces for local newspapers.

  Call your local public access cable station to set up a roundtable discussion about the loan guarantees.

  Call radio talk shows to stimulate public discussion of the loan guarantees.