



you can help save lives in laos

Contact Congress by this Friday

“As members of Congress, we have a moral obligation to resolve this dark U.S. legacy in Laos, which still threatens the lives of the people, many of whom were born two generations after the war ended.”

- Reps. Betty McCollum & Mike Honda
on increasing US funding for bomb clean up in Laos

Every year, Legacies of War advocates for Congress to address the legacy of war in Laos and the continuing danger that 80 million leftover bombs pose to Lao people today, 40 years later. Our persistent and sustained efforts over the last decade have meant greater attention and response by U.S. policy makers to this issue, including a nearly 10-fold increase in funding: from an average of \$2M in the mid-1990's to \$19.5M in 2016.

But this is **NOT** guaranteed from year to year.



how you can help

to make sure the people of Laos are not forgotten

Ask your congressman to sign on to this letter being circulated by Representatives Betty McCollum and Mike Honda, who seek an increase in U.S. funding for bomb clearance in Laos

CALL YOUR Congressional Representatives (Find Your Rep & Contact Info Here)

ASK TO SPEAK WITH the staff person who covers State Dept/Foreign Aid operations for the Congressman/Congresswoman (ask for the spelling of the staff person's first and last name).

EXPLAIN to the staff that you are a constituent and that you want the Representative to sign an appropriations-related letter for demining in Laos being circulated by Reps McCollum and Honda.

AFTER THE CALL (or msg was left on the staffer's phone), let us know so we can follow-up by email. Send us an email at info@legaciesofwar.org with the name of the Congressman and staff person that you contacted.

THIS LETTER WILL ensure that increased and sustained funding is available for efforts on the ground in Laos. It helps us to educate more Congressional Members and encourage them to support the growing number of policy makers who care about this issue.

THE GOVERNMENT FUNDS WILL GO entirely to support the following organizations for their UXO clearance and victim assistance work in Laos: The HALO Trust, Health Leadership International, Mines Advisory Group (MAG), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Spirit of Soccer, Sterling Global Operations, World Education Inc., and others.