U.S. Department of Peace

Inaugural Progress Report

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A shared vision. A conscious journey. A nation united in the everpresent reality of peace.

The first public record of a long-term civic initiative to make peacebuilding an enduring national priority.

This inaugural report establishes a baseline. It documents the resources PPU has placed before the public, separates aspirations from verified achievements, and identifies what remains to be done. The goal is an honest, recurring account of progress—not the appearance of momentum.

At a glance | November 2026

Public initiative foundation	Main Department of Peace page, a vision page, a national strategy, legislation/analysis resources, and a citizen declaration page have been developed and published.
Research and legislation	PPU's independent examination of H.R. 1111 and the official introduced bill text have been made available for public reading.
Citizen participation	A webpage form now welcomes support, concerns, questions, non-support, and reasons. It is a listening channel—not an official legislative petition.
Founding congressional coalition	A five-person, cross-affiliation founding group is a proposed objective. No participating lawmakers have yet been verified by this reporting process.
Outreach and endorsement totals	DOP-specific conversations, declarations, and endorsements have not yet been tallied or independently verified for publication.

The legislative moment

H.R. 1111, the Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2025, was introduced by Representative Ilhan Omar on February 7, 2025, and referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. No subsequent committee or floor action appears in the legislative records reviewed for this report. If it is not enacted before the end of the 119th Congress, renewed legislation would need to be introduced in the 120th Congress in 2027.

PPU's interest extends beyond any one bill. The aim is to encourage thoughtful consideration, practical improvements, and genuine support for peacebuilding across political affiliations and communities.

The congressional history | 2001-2025

The modern congressional effort to establish a federal Department of Peace or Peacebuilding did not begin with H.R. 1111. It has been sustained by elected representatives, advocates, and organizations through successive congressional sessions. The milestones below recognize that continuing work.

2001 | Rep. Dennis Kucinich	On July 11, the Ohio representative introduced H.R. 2459, proposing a cabinet-level U.S. Department of Peace.
2003-2005 | Kucinich and Dayton	Kucinich reintroduced the idea in the House (H.R. 1673 in 2003; H.R. 3760 in 2005). Senator Mark Dayton of Minnesota introduced S. 1756 in September 2005, a Senate proposal for a Department of Peace and Nonviolence.
2007-2011 | Rep. Kucinich	Continued introducing Department of Peace legislation as H.R. 808 in 2007, 2009, and 2011.
2013 | Rep. Barbara Lee	The California representative introduced H.R. 808, the Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2013.
2015-2023 | Rep. Lee	Introduced successive Department of Peacebuilding bills as H.R. 1111 in 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023. These were distinct bills in separate Congresses.
2025 | Rep. Ilhan Omar	On February 7, the Minnesota representative introduced H.R. 1111, the Department of Peacebuilding Act of 2025, in the 119th Congress.

This chronology highlights selected milestones of the modern legislative effort; it is not a claim that the broader idea of governmental peacebuilding began in 2001. None of these federal bills established the proposed department.

Why this history matters to PPU

Peace President United joins a longstanding public effort; it does not claim to have originated the idea. Preserving the names, dates, and congressional record honors earlier work and helps citizens and public officials understand that a renewed proposal in 2027 would continue an established legislative history, not start from nothing.

The next Congress may consider a new bill, revised provisions, or a different sponsorship coalition. PPU intends to support informed consideration and invite heartfelt, broadly shared support without overlooking differing views of how a department should function.

Selected official records | Click to open the introduced legislation

2001 - Kucinich, H.R. 2459

2005 - Senate bill S. 1756 (Sen. Mark Dayton)

2013 - Lee, H.R. 808

2023 - Lee, H.R. 1111

2025 - Omar, H.R. 1111

The work ahead | Our next commitments

1. Maintain the public foundation	Keep the vision, strategy, bill materials, and declaration accessible; correct or clarify information as the legislative situation changes.
2. Clarify legislative next steps	Learn whether a member plans to introduce renewed Department of Peacebuilding legislation in 2027 and what revisions, if any, are contemplated.
3. Explore a founding coalition	Invite consideration of five House supporters: two Democrats, two Republicans, and one Independent, if feasible. A House bill has one formal sponsor and any additional original cosponsors. This is an aspiration, not a condition for reintroduction.
4. Listen before counting support	Develop a reliable way to distinguish expressions of interest, questions, support, opposition, and formal endorsements; protect private responses and obtain consent before public attribution.
5. Begin deliberate outreach	Approach existing peacebuilding advocates, mayors, representatives, and senators through personal communication, with attention to timing and the views of those contacted.

What future reports will disclose

Each report should distinguish completed actions from planned work. Where verifiable information is available, PPU will report legislative developments, outreach activity and responses, publicly authorized endorsements, concerns raised, changes in strategy, and commitments carried forward. No response will be counted as an endorsement without clear consent.

Participation through a voluntary webpage form will not be described as a representative measure of national opinion. If an activity has not occurred, cannot be verified, or has produced no result, the report should say so plainly.

Publication rhythm

Proposed commitment: publish a public PDF after each calendar quarter, ideally within 30 days of quarter-end. Publish an interim update when a material legislative or organizational development warrants one. The next regular report would cover the close of 2026, with publication targeted for January 2027.

These reports are intended to encourage consistency and public accountability, not to create pressure for activity merely to fill a report.

Public references and scope

PPU Department of Peace Initiative | peacepresidentunited.org/us-department-of-peace/

PPU National Peacebuilding Strategy | peacepresidentunited.org/us-department-of-peace/dop-strategy/

Official H.R. 1111 introduced text | U.S. Government Publishing Office

Report date: November 11, 2026. Internal initiative milestones are based on PPU's documented website development and working decisions. The legislative description refers to the official published introduced bill and the latest actions available at preparation. No formal congressional commitments or quantitative public-support totals are asserted.