

Thanks to your emails and phone calls last week, Senator Cardin's office is hearing from other senators about the upcoming Burma bill. The more your elected representatives hear from you, the more likely they will support and co-sponsor the new Burma bill. **Would you contact your senators' staffers again this week by email and by phone?**

**[Even if you've sent a message before, click here to urge your Members of Congress today to co-sponsor the new Burma bill.](#)**

**Before it takes recess later this month, we need Congress to introduce a new Burma bill.** Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-NY) are drafting the new bill to support the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) and impose further tough and targeted sanctions on the Myanmar military.

**For extra impact, please follow up this week directly with your U.S. senators' key staffer.**

**Follow up #1: email your senators' staffer**

**For Senator Bob Casey**, please send Mr. Derek Miller a direct email at [derek\\_miller@casey.senate.gov](mailto:derek_miller@casey.senate.gov) and call (202) 224-6324.

**For Senator Pat Toomey**, please send Mr. Theo Merkel a direct email at [theo\\_merkel@toomey.senate.gov](mailto:theo_merkel@toomey.senate.gov) and call (202) 224-4254.

You may wish to use a succinct and direct subject line such as:  
"Please co-sponsor Senator Cardin's new Burma bill"

Start your message with a mention of where you live in the state. Feel free to include a sentence or two on why you care about human rights and Myanmar in particular. Please use or adapt the following text in your email. Please blind copy (bcc) us on your email at [info@newmyanmar.org](mailto:info@newmyanmar.org).

*I ask that my senator co-sponsor and support the new Burma bill to be introduced by Senator Ben Cardin and Rep, Gregory Meeks. We expect this bill to be introduced later this month.*

*It is expected that the bill will advance US sanctions on the Myanmar military, support the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM), and promote accountability for crimes against humanity and other mass atrocities.*

*I urge you to show leadership in forcing the Burmese army to stand down from its coup d'etat. Please write back and tell me whether you will co-sponsor this critical bill. Thank you.*

**Follow up #2: call your senators' staffer**

- When you reach their office, ask for the staffer by name and request to be connected directly. (Don't just leave a message with the receptionist.)
- Simply tell the staffer - in person or on their voicemail - you want your senator to co-sponsor and support the new Burma bill once it is introduced. (Mention that the lead sponsors of the bills are Senator Ben Cardin and Representative Gregory Meeks.)
- Leave your name, number, and city of residence to indicate that you live in the state or congressional district.
- Follow up with an email to the staffer and blind copy (bcc) us at [info@newmyanmar.org](mailto:info@newmyanmar.org)
- Email us at [info@newmyanmar.org](mailto:info@newmyanmar.org) and tell us how your calls went.

**Just one email or phone call from a constituent can make a difference.** Your representatives need to know that you want Congress to act. The people of Myanmar can't wait any longer.

Thank you so much,

Simon Billenness, Executive Director

*For the International Campaign for the Rohingya: Debbie Stothard, Jack Rendler, Simran Stuelpnagel, Michael DeLong, Alyson Chadwick, Hannah Sussman, Mike Haack, and Adem Carroll.*

*And in the memory of our late co-founder and board chair emeritus, Joseph K. Grieboski.*

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["Rubio Joins Merkley, Colleagues in Urging Biden Administration Impose New Sanctions on Myanmar's Military Regime,"](#) 27 April 2021

["Open letter: Chevron's business operations in Myanmar,"](#) 23 March 2021

["How Oil and Gas Majors Bankroll the Myanmar Military Regime,"](#) Justice For Myanmar, 8 February 2021

["French Oil Giant Still Bankrolling Myanmar Junta,"](#) Myanmar Now, 15 April 2021

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