



HOW CAN WE SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS IN HONDURAS??

March 2, 2019 marked the three-year anniversary of the assassination of Berta Cáceres, the beloved Honduran Indigenous and environmental rights leader, and the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act was re-introduced to continue the call for justice.

The Berta Cáceres Act is a landmark bill introduced by Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA). **The Berta Cáceres Act** was first introduced in 2016, and it was met with immediate and broad support including endorsements by the AFL-CIO, the Sierra Club, the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), and over a hundred other faith, labor, environmental, and human rights organizations. Berta's family and organization COPINH immediately applauded the action and praised the leadership of these Members of Congress.

The bill states: "The Honduran police are widely established to be deeply corrupt and to commit human rights abuses, including torture, rape, illegal detention, and murder, with impunity" and that the military has committed violations of human rights. Therefore, the bill asks that the United States suspend all "...security assistance to Honduran military and police until such time as human rights violations by Honduran state security forces cease and their perpetrators are brought to justice."

The Berta Cáceres Act currently has 44 Co-Sponsors in Congress, and is supported by 185 Organizations. Check here:

<https://www.solidaritycollective.org/co-sponsors> to see if your legislator has yet signed on, and then call 202-225-3121 to thank them or urge them to do so!

Also, Sign On Your Organization here:


<https://www.solidaritycollective.org/organization-support>

The violent crackdown on anti-fraud protesters in the wake of the November 26th, 2017 elections have made the Berta Cáceres Act more urgent than ever. Honduran security forces **have been implicated** in the deaths of more than 30 people since the elections, as well as systematic torture, forced disappearances, and massive criminalization of the people who are exercising their fundamental rights to free expression and assembly.

The support of US taxpayer dollars for this brutal repression, and the profit by US companies for it, are unconscionable. See <https://www.solidaritycollective.org/bertacaceresact> for resources to help you **contact** your representatives, information on the human rights situation in Honduras, and more!

Consider also joining this webinar next Monday, April 8th, to learn more about how to support the growth of Human Rights in Honduras:

Honduras Solidarity Network



Webinar Registration for Mon., Apr 8th, 4:30pm Pacific

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jJdQoWXCTr-jK6gwIQ6JZw

Topic:

2019 Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act

Description

Join this bilingual webinar with the Honduras Solidarity Network!

4:30 pm/Pacific, 7:30 pm/Eastern

Three years after Berta Cáceres murder, human rights abuses in Honduras have increased and the US-backed dictatorship of Juan Orlando Hernandez has been granted impunity. The Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act would suspend U.S. military aid and police aid to Honduras until human rights abuses committed by the Honduran security forces cease and their preparatory are brought to justice. Join us to learn and get involved.

Speakers include:

Annie Bird has served as Director of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission-USA since 2017, but has worked for human rights in Guatemala and Honduras since 1994. She lived for 15 years in Guatemala, coordinating with social movements throughout Guatemala and Honduras, and to a lesser degree in southern Mexico and El Salvador. GHRC under her leadership supports a program of cooperation between the human rights community in Guatemala and Honduras, including support for the prosecution of Berta Cáceres' murderers and campesino communities in the Bajo Aguan region. Currently based in Washington, DC she works extensively in the US Congress to demand changes in US policies that place Guatemalan and Honduran human rights defenders at risk.

More speakers to be confirmed.