

## **Issue #1: Protect Free Speech in CT**

The CT State police has come down hard on at least two Visibility Brigades (signage over bridge overpasses) in the last few months. They shut down our small group over the Merritt on August 18<sup>th</sup>. The other group, earlier in the year and further north.

We have a wonderful attorney working on our behalf, pro bono, to help us get back on the bridge. He is working with the law firm representing the other bridge brigade that was shut down and the CT ACLU. As they work on our behalf, I am asking that you contact Attorney General William Tong. This issue will land on his desk. The problem is, he tends to defer to the police (who report to him) so we are asking that you send a message to his office about the importance of maintaining free speech in this state.

You can send him an email or give him a call: Attorney.General@ct.gov or call 860-808-5318

Points to make:

- free speech is under attack by the State Police
- citizens standing up to Trump are being targeted
- Tong needs to stand up for the Constitution
- Peaceful bridge protests do not pose any threat and instead educate the public
- If Tong doesn't stand up for citizens you will remember that when he is next up for election or re-election

Also, here is the note I sent to AG Tong. Feel free to use it as a guide to reach out to him.

*Dear Attorney General Tong,*

*I am a longstanding resident of CT and, gratefully, have never had the need to contact you or one of your predecessors. But that has changed.*

*I head a local grassroots political opposition group here in the state. We joined the over 250 Visibility Brigade groups spanning over 42 states and DC in this country when we created our own visibility brigade. That means holding a sign, weekly, over the Merritt Parkway.*

*We live in a "blue state", yet unbelievably, we are **one of only three groups** (two in this state alone!) in this country that have been targeted and shut down by the state police!*

*It is clear free speech is under attack by the CT State Police. It is not right for all kinds of reasons and it is frightening. I ask, if not you, then who will stand up for the Constitution? Peaceful bridge protests do not pose any threat and instead educate the public. All of us need your support and commitment to allowing groups like ours to continue to exercise our right to free speech.*

*If you will not stand up for the citizens of CT, it is a sad day indeed. One we will surely remember when you are next up for re-election. You do so much good for our state; don't let this overshadow it.*

*Celeste Cobb*

## **Issue #2: Block the Bombs**

In collaboration with ***Peace Action***, and as part of the “***Block the Bombs***” campaign, we are collecting signatures for a letter to Senator Chris Murphy calling on him to introduce a Senate “***Block the Bombs***” bill that mirrors the H.R. 3565: To provide for a limitation on the transfer of defense articles and defense services to Israel.

Senator Murphy is one of **13** senators, from 10 states, that we are pushing to introduce this bill. The other Senators are:

Senator Ed Markey, MA

- Senator Elizabeth Warren, MA
- Senator Angus King, ME
- Senator Tim Kaine, VA
- Senator Chris Van Hollen, MD
- Senator Peter Welch, VT
- Senator Bernie Sanders, VT
- Senator Jeff Merkley, OR
- Senator Dick Durbin, IL
- Senator Jeanne Shaheen, NH
- Senator Mazie Hirono, HI
- Senator Brian Schatz, HI

This letter is open to **all CT residents**. The deadline to sign on is **Monday, September 15, 2025**.

Please take a moment to fill out the form if you are interested in signing (as an individual, an organization, or both). The draft letter is found in the form below for your viewing!!

Click here: [CT Block the Bombs Letter to Senator Murphy](#)

**Signature deadline: September 15, 2025**