

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: American Civil Liberties Union
Appeal for Justice
Bill of Rights Defense Committee
Center for Victims of Torture
Council on American-Islamic Relations
Defending Dissent Foundation
Friends Committee on National Legislation
General Board of Church & Society
Human Rights First
Japanese American Citizens League
Just Foreign Policy
National Religious Campaign Against Torture
Physicians for Human Rights
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Win Without War

DATE: June 12, 2013

RE: **Vote “YES” on the Amendment by Representatives Adam Smith (D-WA) and Chris Gibson (R-NY) Which Explicitly Bans Indefinite Detention and Military Commissions from the United States, and Repeals Section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act (“NDAA”) of FY12; House Will Vote on the Smith-Gibson Amendment THIS WEEK**

Our organizations strongly
Adam Smith (D-WA) and Chris Gibson (R-NY) will offer this week, during House floor consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 amendment will help protect American values and will be an important step towards restoring

The Smith-Gibson amendment would impose an explicit statutory ban on any president or other government official ordering the military to place anyone in the United States into indefinite detention without charge or trial, or from ordering anyone in the United States to be tried before a military commission. Such actions are already inconsistent with the Constitution and other laws, but the explicit statutory ban in the Smith amendment would ensure that no president or any other government official will ever try again to use these practices in the United States itself.

During consideration of the 2012 NDAA, particularly during the Senate debate on the legislation, several prominent senators urged the detention provisions in sections 1021 and 1022

consideration of the conference report for that year, House leaders promised to revise the legislation the following year, but failed to do so. The Smith-Gibson amendment is the *only* legislation that reinforces the c

