

# TAKE ACTION Against Landmines



## Contact the Presidential Candidates

Urge them to  
come out in favor  
of US accession  
to the Mine Ban  
Treaty.

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## Write a Letter to the Editor

of your local paper  
denouncing Bush's new  
landmine policy. See  
[www.banminesusa.org](http://www.banminesusa.org) for  
sample letter.

Speak out  
against the Bush  
Administration's  
new landmine  
policy.

## Contact President Bush

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### SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear President Bush:

I am dismayed to learn that you do not intend to join the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty.

Landmines maim and kill 15,000-20,000 people each year, mostly children, farmers, and other innocent civilians. The so-called 'smart' mines which your policy allows for, cannot distinguish between a soldier and a child, and pose serious challenges to deminers. Furthermore, non-self-deactivating mines should be eliminated immediately, not phased out by 2010. The increase in US mine action funding, while laudable, is overshadowed by the negative elements of your policy.

The 1997 Mine Ban Treaty, now joined by 150 nations, including all of NATO except for the US and two new member states, has already led to tremendous success in reducing the global threat from this weapon. Even major retired military leaders in this country have voiced support for the treaty, citing the danger antipersonnel mines pose to our own troops. As long as our government remains outside the international norm banning this indiscriminate menace, we give political cover to nations that continue to sow this lethal legacy, with devastating consequences for civilians.

Thank you and sincerely,

*Your name and address*

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