



Build

After you have learned about both the NDAA and your local government, it's time to build a small, but powerful, antipartisan coalition to fight the NDAA.

1. Make a short list of friends and family who might be interested, present the idea to them, and ask them to join your team. Take the PANDA organizing petition, go to a busy place like a college, and collect signatures to get more people involved on your team. Get a core group of 4 or more people before heading to step 2.
2. Reach out to groups in your area. This is where the real power lies. Use the "Build Cheat Sheet" (in your packet) for instructions/tips to find groups in your city and connect with them. Show these groups the dangers of NDAA, what cities have already taken action, and the antipartisan coalitions across the country that have taken a stand against this injustice.
3. Present to groups you reach out to. An in-person presentation is best (you can find an example here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9sexybhoZ8>), or you can give a presentation via Skype or phone. PANDA National will be willing to help prepare you, but this is crucial, because these presentations will really lay out the facts for your coalition and get them motivated to help you.
4. Aim for at least 5 organizations, and then get your coalition fired up. It's time for step 3: Act.

References:

1. The "Build Cheat Sheet" (in your packet) is crucial, and contains all the info and tips you need to build your coalition and take back your town.
2. Building Coalitions (in your packet) is a quick introduction to the basics of building coalitions. We highly recommend it.