



TOGETHER, WE'RE MAKING CHANGE.

2016-2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

FCNL is creating space for bipartisan progress to address climate change, even as the Trump administration works to dismantle environmental protections. We've led the way to bring more than 60 members into the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, which provides a forum for members to work across the aisle.

fcnl.org/climate

PROTECTING HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

FCNL's persistent advocacy, in partnership with our faith community colleagues, helped defeat legislation that would have repealed the Affordable Care Act and cut 22 million people off health care. In nearly 300 lobby visits, we shared stories about the importance of affordable health care coverage and Medicaid. We continue to advocate for a community that helps everyone meet their basic needs. fcnl.org/healthcare

BUILDING PEACE

FCNL's advocacy is counteracting the Trump administration's push to put military force at the center of U.S. foreign policy. We are building bipartisan support in the House and Senate for the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act, and we are successfully keeping Congress from cutting peacebuilding funding. We continue to press the U.S. to engage diplomatically and to uphold the nuclear deal with Iran. We are also pushing Congress to reconsider its unconditional support for military strategies, from ending the U.S. backing of Saudi Arabia's war in Yemen to repealing the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force.

fcnl.org/peacebuilding & fcnl.org/middleeast

[FCNL's Quaker Welcome Center] will help stem the vitriol by fostering respectful conversation and a search for common ground.

~"New space in D.C. intends to play host to bipartisan dialogue"
by Mary Hui, Nov. 2017

The Washington Post

'We now have Advocacy Teams around the country who are pursuing relationships with their members of Congress,' said [FCNL's] Jim Cason... 'With this structure of support, we're finding that...many [people] will do more than they think they can do.'

~"Putting Citizenship Back in Congress", by David Bornstein,
July 2017

The New York Times

December 2017



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FIXING IMMIGRATION

FCNL is working closely with Republican and Democratic senators on comprehensive legislation to protect Dreamers, undocumented young adults who arrived in the U.S. as children. Both in our own lobbying and that of the Interfaith Immigration Coalition, which we co-chair, FCNL is advocating for reforms to our immigration system and against harmful proposals such as increased deportation, detention, and a military build-up on the U.S.-Mexico border. fcnl.org/immigration

PROTECTING MUSLIMS AND REFUGEES

FCNL is at the forefront of opposing the Trump administration's executive orders gutting the refugee resettlement program and barring people from some Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States. We are lobbying for bills to rescind the order, securing congressional support for court challenges to the order, and organizing public demonstrations to support refugees. fcnl.org/refugees

REINING IN PENTAGON SPENDING

FCNL's Advocacy Teams – more than 1,300 people across the country – spent all of 2017 building relationships with their congressional delegations, focused on Pentagon spending. Thanks to their work, members of Congress are supporting Pentagon audit legislation and hearing hard questions about Pentagon spending increases. FCNL also continues to focus on blocking spending for nuclear weapons and supporting nonproliferation efforts. fcnl.org/pentagon

ADVOCATING WITH NATIVE AMERICANS

FCNL's persistent advocacy on Native American concerns honors a history of respectful relationships between Quakers and Native peoples. In November, we welcomed our first congressional advocate on Native American policy, Lacina Tangnaqudo Onco, who will lead FCNL's advocacy with Congress as an ally of Native American groups. fcnl.org/native-american

If the rights of any community are going to be infringed upon, we're all going to stand up and support one another.

~ Yasmine Taeb, FCNL
January 2017



FCNL [has] been a catalyst for bipartisan progress on issues important to our community, including environmental stewardship.

~ Rep. Ryan Costello (R-PA)

The destruction of black and brown bodies is hidden in statistics on poor health, poor housing, inadequate schooling, over-policed communities, and mass incarceration. Friends can help correct these social ills.

~ José Woss & Aristotle Jones,
FCNL July 2017

Western Friend