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Friends Committee on National Legislation

Action Sheet

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Legislative Ask for May 2024

Urge Congress to Rein in Wasteful Pentagon Wish Lists

In May, Congress begins work on a crucial piece of legislation that will have an impact on our campaign: the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The NDAA is a must-pass bill that determines the annual budget and expenditures of the Pentagon. This month, members of the House will begin to evaluate and debate the president's proposed defense budget—the first stage leading up to passage of the NDAA.

This is a critical opportunity to generate more support for our ask and to raise this issue to members of the armed services committees and in the broader Congressional debate. Our goal remains the same: Get more members of Congress on the record expressing support to end the UPL requirement. This provides a key moment to follow up on a lobby visit.

The House Armed Services Committee will hold a markup on May 8 and a first look at the defense bill draft will be available on May 13. Lawmakers will have a deadline to submit amendments for committee markup of the bill on May 16. Each date provides a hook for a follow-up conversation. Advocacy Teams and FCNL lobbyists have a critical role to play to build support through each stage of this process.

This month, we need to keep up the momentum. Now that we have doubled our House cosponsors, we need to follow up with other Congressional staffers to restate our request. We can ask about their boss's position and what else we can do to gain their support.

At the end of the day, every member of Congress will have the chance to vote on this bill. They need to know now what you—their constituents—want them to prioritize with their voice and their vote.

Read more about our ask here: fcnl.org/teamtoolkit

Actions to Take in May

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Email Check-in with Staffers

Follow up with a Congressional staff member who you've met with in the past to restate your support

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Lobby Visit #2

Request a lobby visit with any offices who you have not met with in the past two months