

Advocacy Teams



Action Sheet

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Legislative Ask for February 2023

Urge Your Members of Congress to Invest in Peace in Fiscal Year 2024

Our campaign for federal investments in peace is underway. Building on years of lobbying to end endless wars, we are now calling for a paradigm shift in U.S. foreign policy by educating legislators about nonviolent alternatives to military action.

This month, members of Congress will also return home for the February Congressional recess (Feb. 20-24). This is an opportunity to schedule an in-district lobby visit or to attend local events where members of Congress might be speaking.

During the February Congressional Recess: Ask your member to advocate for investments in three key peacebuilding accounts during their “Member Day” hearing: The Complex Crises Fund, Atrocities Prevention, and Reconciliation Programs.

For more details on each account, check out our [toolkit](#). In addition, ask your legislator to include this request in their written appropriations requests this spring.

What is a “Member Day” hearing?

As Congress begins to make decisions on federal spending for FY2023, each lawmaker has an opportunity to share appropriations requests with the Appropriations Committees during “Member Day” hearings.

This is a remarkable chance for peace advocates to secure meaningful investments in peacebuilding. Given how little attention is given to peace in our federal budget, we might be the only constituents to do so.

Investing in peace is an essential step towards the paradigm shift we must pursue as a nation. As Congress takes its first steps in the appropriations process and the President prepares to release his budget outline in March, our voices can put peacebuilding on the map.

Read more background about our ask here: fcnl.org/ATcampaign.



Actions to Take in February

Ask your members of Congress to invest in peace.

Request an in-district meeting during the February recess.

Submit a letter to the editor to educate your community about the value of peacebuilding.