

# Who is the Friends Committee on National Legislation and What Do They Do?

Founded in 1943, the Friends Committee on National Legislation is a national, nonpartisan Quaker organization that lobbies Congress and the administration to advance peace, justice, and environmental stewardship. FCNL pairs the expertise of lobbyists in Washington, D.C., with the passion of Quakers and like-minded people across the United States to cultivate relationships with elected officials and community leaders.

Working with hundreds of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations across the country – as well as like-minded advocates for peace and justice – FCNL’s network of constituent advocates reaches every state.

Whether individually or as a member of one of FCNL’s 130+ Advocacy Teams, every day people are building relationships with legislators and their staff to educate them on FCNL’s issues and encouraging them to act.

FCNL pursues policies informed by our belief that there is that of God in every person and that all creation has worth and dignity. In advance of a new session of Congress, FCNL gathers the views and concerns of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations to help discern the legislative priorities for FCNL’s lobbying and public education work. The issue areas FCNL is working on can be found below.

A more descriptive and detailed list of FCNL’s Legislative Priorities for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress can be found at [www.fcnl.org/priorities](http://www.fcnl.org/priorities). The more prophetic vision that underlies FCNL’s legislative actions – *The World We Seek* – can be viewed at [www.fcnl.org/weseek](http://www.fcnl.org/weseek).

## Issues FCNL is Currently Working On

### We seek a world free of war and the threat of war.

- ❖ *Middle East & Iran*
- ❖ *Nuclear Weapons*
- ❖ *Peacebuilding*
- ❖ *U.S. Wars & Militarism*

### We seek a society with equity and justice for all.

- ❖ *Gun Violence Prevention*
- ❖ *Just Immigration*
- ❖ *Justice Reform*
- ❖ *Native Americans*

### We seek a community where every person’s potential may be fulfilled.

- ❖ *Economic Justice*
- ❖ *Voting & Elections*

### We seek an earth restored.

- ❖ *Energy & Environment*