

Advocacy Teams



Legislative Ask for January 2024

Urge Your Members of Congress to Support Reining in Wasteful Pentagon Spending

As Congress returns from the holidays, FCNL Advocacy Teams are hitting the ground running as we launch our 2024 campaign to rein in wasteful Pentagon spending.

For years, we have lobbied Congress to end endless wars, promote diplomacy, and invest in peacebuilding. This year, we will focus on addressing some of the root causes that inflate the Pentagon budget at the expense of crucial social programs and other vital needs.

This month, we are taking the first step in this campaign by requesting meetings with our lawmakers to urge their support for repealing the Unfunded Priorities Lists — wasteful Pentagon wish lists that contribute to exorbitant, unchecked military spending.

Specifically, we are asking House members to publicly support and cosponsor the Streamline Pentagon Budgeting Act (H.R.4740). We are urging Senate offices to sign on as original cosponsors before the bill is reintroduced in the Senate by Sen. Elizabeth Warren (MA). Share [our legislative ask](#) with Congressional staff when you request this meeting. Educating members of Congress and staff about this issue is the first step towards building broad-based support for this legislation.

This year will be challenging for peace advocates across the country and the world, with a contentious election on the horizon, ongoing atrocities amid the war in [Israel and Palestine](#), escalating violence in Yemen, and continued fighting in Ukraine. Members of Congress will have their attention pulled in many directions. It is our job to make sure they continue hearing from as many constituents as possible, as clearly and frequently as possible, as we call for this powerful, concrete step to reduce wasteful Pentagon spending and curb U.S. militarism.

Read more background about our ask [here](#)

Actions to Take in January

Urge your members of Congress to support and cosponsor the Streamline the Pentagon Budget Act (H.R.4740).

1. Request a meeting with your member of Congress or senior staff to discuss the new campaign.
2. Schedule time for your team to share a meal, build community, and strategize for the year ahead.