

Urge Congress to Protect Civil Liberties & Community Safety

Our hearts are broken at the new war the United States has unleashed on Iran. Advocacy Teams are busy the first week of March calling and emailing congressional offices urging them to support expected votes on Iran War Powers Resolutions. We are equally aggrieved by Congress not moving to end violent and militarized practices "at home." From March 6 to April 8, Advocacy Teams will lobby to end the lawless and lethal immigration enforcement practices plaguing our communities.

After the horrific violence from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Border Patrol in Minneapolis, accountability is overdue. Congress shut down the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in an impasse over reforms.

While violent immigration enforcement may be temporarily out of the headlines, it is still happening. We must keep up the pressure. We have an opportunity in the next two months to urge Congress to include desperately needed reforms in the DHS budget. [FCNL is calling for not a penny more and reforms to protect civil liberties and rein in immigration enforcement.](#) This includes keeping the core spaces of our communities safe – schools, houses of worship, hospitals, and other core spaces. There's a real chance for these guardrails. Your voices can make a difference.

At this inflection point, it's crucial to build broad support in our communities. We recommend a goal of 50 letters for each member of Congress to be delivered by the Advocacy Team at a lobby visit by April 8. For tips, check out [this resource](#).

With the April National Call not until April 8, **we have 5 weeks**. Let's think creatively and show Congress how much we support protecting civil liberties and community safety!

[Read more about the ask at fcnl.org/teamtoolkit](https://fcnl.org/teamtoolkit)

March Ask

Write letters to your members of Congress calling for not another penny to ICE, and to protect civil liberties and communities. Schedule a lobby visit and deliver 50+ letters from your community. Invite people who write letters to the lobby visit.

Bonus Action

Invite a faith leader or other community leader to join you on a drop by lobby visit during the March 9-13 (House) or March 30-April 3 (House & Senate) congressional recesses to show broader community support for your ask.