

No Funding for Iran War

A month after the United States and Israel launched a war against Iran, the consequences have been devastating. Thousands of have been killed in Iran, thirteen U.S. soldiers have been killed, and the global economy has been disrupted. Now, the Pentagon has asked Congress for \$200 billion to fund this unauthorized war. As advocates for peace, we have a clear message for Congress: **No Funding for the Iran War**. In April we will urge Congress to reject the supplemental funding request for the Iran War.

We expect Congress to debate and vote on a \$200 billion funding bill for the Iran War at the end of April or in May. Many members of Congress will feel pressure to support the funding bill in order to support the troops and replenish depleted weapons stockpiles. However, funding this illegal war risks escalating the war even further, it could serve as a [de facto authorization of the war](#), and make it harder for diplomacy. One of the best ways to end the war in Iran is to refuse to fund it.

To support you in advocating against funding the Iran War, check out [this backgrounder](#) with in-depth information about the funding request and our updated [one-page leave behind](#). If you have not yet met with your members of Congress on Iran, please put in a request for a meeting this week. If you did recently meet with your members on this, send an email on behalf of your team to the staffer you met with. After you lobby, consider coordinating a day on which everyone on your team submits a letter-to-the-editor (LTE) on the importance of opposing this funding request.

The situation in Iran is dire and escalation looks likely, but opposition to this war is building. In addition to our lobby visits and LTEs around the country, hundreds of participants will gather in Washington, D.C. in the middle of the month at FCNL's Friends Changemaker Weekend to lobby on Capitol Hill on this ask. Let's all raise our voices at this critical time for peace!

Read more about the ask at fcnl.org/teamtoolkit

April Ask

Schedule a lobby visit with your members of Congress to urge No Funding for the Iran War. If you have lobbied a member on Iran in the last month, coordinate several letters-to-the-editor (LTEs) submissions on the same day.

Bonus Action

Attend our annual Advocacy Teams Summit on Sunday, April 12 from 6:15-8:00pm ET via [this Zoom link](#). Our session, "From Mobilizing to Organizing" will provide a deep dive into building an organizing committee to help grow your team. Join us!