

## Engage Candidates!

We are about one month out from pivotal mid-term elections. Advocacy Teams spent the month of September inviting members of our communities to a special October National Call. In October, together with new members we've recruited, Advocacy Teams will seek to build relationships with candidates for federal office using our [Candidate Engagement Guide](#).

October is an important time to speak with candidates and current office holders about the importance of not funding the Iran war. A majority of Congress now opposes the war and Republican members of Congress in key states such as Iowa recently voted for Iran War Powers Resolutions and spoke out against the war for the first time as they feel pressure from constituents. As candidates are out on the campaign trail, it's important to make our voices heard. **Our priority in candidate engagement is to build the relationship and raise the Iran war as an issue.**

Beyond policy asks, this is an important time to build relationships with candidates, introducing FCNL and your Advocacy Team through conversations. Meeting candidates now allows us to build early relationships before they enter office and get a head start on both the relationship and the policy ask before they take office. You can find candidates at state fairs, town halls or forums, or other events they hold in your community. You can also ask for time to meet with them or their staff. If you meet with a candidate or their staff, please let us know by submitting a brief report at [www.fcnl.org/candidatereport](https://www.fcnl.org/candidatereport).

Let us use this month to our advantage as candidates are listening and available to push for an end to the Iran war and build relationships that will serve us into next year and beyond.

### Member Ask

*No funding for war with Iran –  
through any legislative vehicle*

### Main Action

*Engage candidates for office using  
our [Candidate Engagement Guide](#)*

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