

Friends Committee on National Legislation

WE SEEK...

*A world free of war
and the threat of war*

*A society with equity
and justice for all*

*A community where every person's
potential may be fulfilled*

An earth restored

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) was founded by members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in 1943. FCNL identifies practical steps that individuals around the country can take to persuade the federal government to advance our country toward the world we seek.



Sixty-five Years of Quaker Action



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FCNL's renovated, energy-efficient office is the first green building on Capitol Hill. This award-winning building shows that the energy consumption and environmental impact of buildings can be reduced dramatically.

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FCNL's recent accomplishments include:

- leading efforts to block the development of a new generation of nuclear weapons;
- persuading the Senate to pass legislation banning the export of cluster bombs;
- successfully lobbying for legislation to ban permanent U.S. military bases in Iraq.

During the last six decades, FCNL played a pivotal role in the creation of the Peace Corps, was instrumental in lobbying for the creation of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and played an important role in lobbying for the Civil Rights Act.

*"This is an environmental crisis in the making
and as usual you all are ahead of all of us"
[with FCNL's renovated "green" building.]*

~Representative Ed Markey (MA), chair of the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming

*"During the 12 years that I served in
Washington, your group, I believe, was the
most effective advocacy group that worked on
issues of public policy and helped to not only
shut down the Vietnam War, but to address
the issues of nuclear proliferation, issues of
chemical and nerve gas, issues of land mines."*

~Bob Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches and former member of Congress from Pennsylvania

*"The Prophet Isaiah tells us to learn to do right,
to seek justice, encourage the oppressed, defend
the cause of the fatherless, and plead the case of
the widow. I believe that is what you are doing."*

~Rep. Frank Wolf (VA),
at the 2005 open house for FCNL's new building



Shortly after FCNL staffperson Laura Weis and Missouri constituent Anthony Christopher-Smith met with an aide to Rep. Lacy Clay, the Missouri representative agreed to cosponsor legislation banning cluster bombs.

FCNL'S PROGRAM INVOLVES...

Legislative Priorities

FCNL's legislative priorities are determined by Quakers from around the country. FCNL's staff directly lobby Congress and work with people around the country to advance the following:

- **Peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict:** Shifting federal priorities from war to programs that will prevent war and build the U.S. capacity to manage conflicts peacefully.
- **Advancement of civil rights and liberties:** Opposing torture, illegal government spying, and working with Congress to prevent the erosion of civil liberties and human rights.
- **Nuclear disarmament:** Building congressional opposition to the development of new nuclear weapons.
- **A sustainable energy policy:** Working to reduce oil dependence, improve energy efficiency, and develop renewable sources of energy.
- **Native Americans sovereignty:** Advocating for fairness to tribes and equal rights for indigenous people.

More information on all of FCNL's issue areas is found on its website at www.fcnl.org.

Grassroots Mobilization

By partnering with grassroots supporters, FCNL enhances its voice on Capitol Hill.

- FCNL provides training and tools to enable Quakers and other like-minded people around the country to communicate effectively with their members of Congress.
- FCNL offers young adults the opportunity to learn about the legislative process through its internship program and through lobbying and education training events specifically geared to emerging leaders.
- Through campaigns focusing on particular issues such as civil liberties and Iraq war funding, FCNL works with local groups to mobilize the constituents of specific legislators.

"You have been real force multipliers for peace...The grassroots work that you have done, [that] the thousands of folks, the hundreds of thousands of folks have done, [has meant] a change in policy [on Iraq]."

—Perry Cammack, Iraq policy advisor to Sen. Joseph Biden (DE)

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Education and Analysis

Through its website (www.fcnl.org), weekly email alerts, monthly newsletters, public events, and campaigns, FCNL keeps supporters up to date on critical issues.

- FCNL's special email newsletters on specific topics provide timely updates and information on issues such as nuclear disarmament and federal budget priorities.
- Through the monthly *Washington Newsletter* and seasonal *Indian Report*, some 20,000 supporters receive topical information on issues moving on the Hill.
- FCNL provides critical background and analysis to Hill offices on pending legislation.



Learn More



____ Yes, I'd like to receive regular email updates on what I can do to change U.S. government policy in Washington. (You can also sign up online at www.fcnl.org.)

____ Yes, please send me a free War is Not the Answer bumper sticker (address below).

____ Yes, I'd like to contribute to the work of FCNL. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (You can also make a secure donation online at www.fcnl.org.)

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