



Friends Committee
on National Legislation
Lobbying with Quakers

Spring Lobby Weekend 2024

MARCH 16–19, 2024 » WASHINGTON, D.C. & ONLINE



“It hits home standing in this room with so many other Native people. I am a direct line from my ancestors. **I have to stand up for what is right**, even and especially if no one is looking.”

Avery Hunter, 31 • Flint, MI



“This is my second Spring Lobby Weekend. I lead the Texas delegation. I never imagined myself a lobbyist. But **I’ll be back next year.**”

Rogelio Meixueiro
(Xidza), 26
Dallas, TX



“I have close family members that are Indian Boarding Schools survivors. **I carry it with me everyday.** These schools and policies continue to harm my people.”

Kristen Velasquez-Howe
(Southern Ute), 27

Southern Ute
Reservation, CO



“This bill can make a huge positive difference in Native lives. America has a **moral imperative to make this right.** If nothing else, to own it.”

QunmiGu Kacey Hopson (Native Village of Barrow),
29, Anchorage, AK



“I traveled here from a very small town North of the Arctic Circle. It is inspiring to see **civic engagement in action.** Really learn first-hand about democracy and lobbying.”

Calvin Miller (Native Village of Barrow), 24
Utqiagvik, AK

“I am here to learn as much as possible.
To learn from all the people here for
the people I love and represent. I am
hoping to do that job well and have it be a
proud moment. **This is just the start.**”

Carson O'Rourke (Oglala Lakota), 23
Kile (Pine Ridge), SD



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by the Numbers

333 Total attendees

70% First-time attendees

100 Total lobby visits


58 Visits with offices of Democrats

41 Visits with offices of Republicans

1 Visit with office of an Independent



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