

 Friends Committee on National Legislation

80 YEARS

Spring Lobby Weekend **2023**

MARCH 25–28, 2023 » WASHINGTON, D.C. & ONLINE



**Our Voices in Washington.
Our Stories in Congress.**

“I wasn’t sure I would see people like me here.
But there are all types of people at SLW.
I was very comfortable with everyone I met.
We’re all in this together. In its own horrible
way, violence brings people together.”

Rosa Ramirez, 22
Houston, TX





“I plan to be an architect one day. That is what I am studying. **But I will always be a lobbyist.** We need to get this done. No one will do it for us.”

Kiran Nwakanma, 20 • Orlando, FL



“I feel much more confident in myself and the goals I had, but we can do more. **No time like the present.**”

Devrah Baxter, 25
New York, NY

“Violence and gun violence in particular are very important to me. The long history of American gun violence helps us make our case. **I don’t want this to be the norm.** We have to fight to change it. That’s what we are doing.”

John Hoang, 21
Albuquerque, NM



“This is what I want to do.

Be involved in grassroots advocacy. SLW was a great place and time to learn how to do it.”

Shannon Salandy, 22
York, PA



“There are no bad lobby visits. Conversations always work. **The alternative is to stay silent and not count.** Not care. We can’t do that. I can’t.”

Taylor Powell-Abbinante, 20
Wilmington, OH

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by the Numbers

341 Total attendees

75% First-time attendees


135 Total lobby visits

87 Visits with offices of Democrats



47 Visits with offices of Republicans

1 Visit with office of an Independent



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