

Advocacy Teams



Legislative Ask for October 2024

Urge Congress to Rein in Wasteful Pentagon Wish Lists

October will be a busy month as we approach a presidential election and members of Congress are home campaigning. *We also have major news to celebrate: Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA) has finally reintroduced the Streamline Pentagon Budgeting Act in the Senate!* Our advocacy all year and particularly during the August recess played a huge role in building the political will for re-introduction.

Before leaving Washington, the House and Senate passed a short-term deal to fund the government through December 20. This leaves decisions on next year's funding levels, including the possibility of massive monetary increases for the Pentagon, on hold. In the next two months, we have a major opportunity to make our voices heard.

If you recently met with your Senate office, email your contact to let them know the bill has been reintroduced and urge co-sponsorship. If you haven't had a lobby visit recently, try to schedule one soon to urge them to co-sponsor. A press release from Sen. Warren is forthcoming but we know the bill will very closely resemble [*the previous version from 2022*](#), as well as [*H.R. 4740*](#).

We know many of you are working hard on elections-related advocacy. Elections are an incredible opportunity to help shape our government and create the world we seek. Everyone at FCNL is grateful for those engaging with candidates, supporting voter registration, helping at polls, and much more. This work is vital!

For those looking to get involved with election work, you can look at FCNL's [*Election Engagement*](#) page for tips and opportunities. *Whether you're lobbying for Sen. Warren's reintroduced bill or doing elections work, know that your advocacy drives change in Washington!*

Read more about our ask here: fcnl.org/teamtoolkit



Action to Take in October

Urge Senators to co-sponsor the newly introduced Streamline Pentagon Budgeting Act from Senator Warren.