

Advocacy Teams



Legislative Ask for November 2024

Urge Congress to Rein in Wasteful Pentagon Wish Lists

November will be busy. After the election, legislators will be back in DC for two weeks to consider crucial funding bills and prepare for a new Congress in January. A continuing resolution is currently funding the government through December 20, setting us up for another budget fight before the holidays. Now is a great time to influence next year's federal spending.

In November, Advocacy Teams have two options for how to take action. With the continuing resolution to fund the government expiring on December 20 and the recent reintroduction of Senator Elizabeth Warren's (MA) UPL bill, it is an important time to urge Congress not to increase Pentagon spending. Teams can also focus on [the updated Quaker Public Policy Institute \(QPPI\) ask](#): encourage Senators to cosponsor and vote to block the sale of new offensive weapons to Israel (S.Res.111, 112, 113, 114, 115, and 116).

Congress has passed a continuing resolution to keep the government funded until December 20, 2024. As members of Congress work on a final deal to fund the government through the next fiscal year, they are facing pressure to increase military spending beyond the spending caps agreed to in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. Urge your members of Congress to stick to the spending caps in the Fiscal Responsibility Act in the annual military spending bill. Advocacy Teams can request lobby visits on Pentagon spending generally and encourage members to co-sponsor H.R. 4740 and the Senate companion bill in the same meeting.

To lobby on our QPPI ask, plan to attend the November national call to hear an update from Hassan El-Tayyab, FCNL's Legislative Director for Middle East Policy. With conflict escalating in the Middle East, we pivoted our theme for QPPI to push for peace in the region. This November 13-14, join advocates from across the country to carry a moral call to Congress for [no new offensive weapons to Israel!](#) Read more about QPPI [here](#) and more about these JRDs [here](#).

Thank you to those of you who are engaging in vital elections advocacy.

Whether you're lobbying for changes in military budgeting, advocating for a ceasefire in the Middle East, or doing elections work, know that your advocacy drives change in Washington!

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



Actions to Take in November

- 1) Urge legislators not to go above the Pentagon spending limits in the Fiscal Responsibility Act or
- 2) urge legislators to block new offensive weapons sales to Israel.