

Advocacy Teams



Legislative Ask for December 2024

Urge Congress to Rein in Wasteful Pentagon Wish Lists

Our work this year has been hard and prophetic. As we move into December, let's close out the year strong. This December, our legislators move into two weeks of session focused on passing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which sets military policy and authorizes funding levels. The continuing resolution for other federal funding is also scheduled to expire December 20, meaning decisions on federal spending need to be finalized before the holidays. As we look ahead to the new year, advocacy now will create maximum impact for the future.

Senator Warren's bipartisan Streamline Pentagon Spending Act finally has a bill number! [S.5294](#) has been reintroduced as a companion bill to H.R. 4740 in the House. This legislation repeals the Unfunded Priorities List (UPL) mandate and enhances civilian oversight over Pentagon spending. At a time when this agency has *failed* its seventh budget audit in a row, they must manage their over-\$800 billion budget in a responsible and ethical way.

In December, Advocacy Teams will focus on two related asks. While legislators finalize the NDAA, Teams can urge their legislators to stick to defense caps introduced in the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. You can also urge your representatives to co-sponsor the Streamline Pentagon Spending Act, one tool that allows for more accountable spending, when it's reintroduced in the new year.

Schedule a meeting with your offices early in the month to keep the pedal to the metal. These holidays are a time for community, restoration, and advocacy! Thank you to each and every one of you for a year of vital work towards creating a world free from war.

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



Actions to Take in December

1. Urge legislators to hold to defense caps introduced in the Fiscal Responsibility Act.
 - a. Write your members of Congress [here](#).
2. Urge lawmakers to co-sponsor the Streamline Pentagon Budgeting Act when it's reintroduced in the new year.