

# Advocacy Teams



## Legislative Ask for January 2025

### Urge Congress to Restore UNRWA Funding and Stop Famine in Gaza

As the 119th Congress begins, FCNL Advocacy Teams are hitting the ground running as we launch our 2025 campaign to advance a just peace in the Middle East by increasing humanitarian funding and access and blocking the weapons that are fueling the violence.

For years, we have lobbied Congress to end endless wars, promote diplomacy, and invest in peacebuilding. This year, we will focus on addressing some of the root causes of violence in the region that are driving the instability and humanitarian crisis in Israel-Palestine and across the Middle East. This month, we are taking the first step in this campaign by requesting meetings with our lawmakers to urge their support for the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act. This would ensure that the backbone of aid delivery operations in Gaza continues to function amid one of the worst hunger crises on the planet.

Specifically, we are asking senators and representatives to publicly support and cosponsor the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act. We are urging Senate offices to sign on as original cosponsors before the bill is reintroduced in the House and Senate by Sen. Peter Welch (VT) and Rep. Andre Carson (IN-7). Share the legislative ask with Congressional staff when you request this meeting. Educating members of Congress and staff about this issue is the first step towards building broad-based support for this legislation.

This year will be challenging for peace advocates across the country and the world, with the bloodshed across the Middle East region escalating at an alarming pace. Members of Congress will have their attention pulled in many directions. It is our job to make sure they continue hearing from as many constituents as possible, as clearly and frequently as possible, as we call for this powerful, concrete step to restore urgently needed UNRWA funding to Gaza.

Read more about our ask here: [fcnl.org/teamtoolkit](https://fcnl.org/teamtoolkit)



#### Actions to Take in January

Urge your members of Congress to support and cosponsor the UNRWA Funding Emergency Restoration Act.

1. Request a meeting with your member of Congress or their staff to discuss the new campaign.
2. Schedule time for your team to share a meal, build community, and strategize for the year ahead.