



WHAT ARE OUR NATIONAL PRIORITIES?

Quaker Public Policy Institute & Lobby Day

Dear BYM Friends,

Between constant scandals and division in Congress at an all-time high, this has been a challenging year. Yet, over the past few months, we have seen the tremendous success of what our community can achieve when we organize, act strategically, and raise our prophetic voices for peace and justice.

Quakers have spoken truth to power in difficult times for generations – we know how to do this work, and our collective voices for peace and justice are essential in this moment. We will gather as a community of Friends to garner strength, resolve, and hope from one another as we recommit ourselves to this vital work.

FCNL has budgeted funds to cover travel for Friends in the BYM area and is offering a reduced registration rate. This funding is limited, so we encourage you to act quickly! Members of Congress from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania could be the crucial votes that decide whether or not we will waste billions of dollars by giving even more money to the Pentagon.

For housing, please visit www.hiwashingtondc.org, www.williampennhouse.org, or search for the Quaker Travel and Hospitality Facebook group. For questions about Quaker home-stays, please contact cashley@fcnl.org.

WHEN:
November 2-3, 2017

WHERE:
Washington Court Hotel
525 New Jersey Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

REGISTER TODAY:
\$50/reduced & \$125/full rate
fcnl.org/annualmeeting

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LESS MILITARISM, MORE SECURITY

This November, Congress will be making some of the most important, and potentially most dangerous, decisions about budget priorities that we have seen in decades. What are our priorities as a nation? Will Congress squander tens of billions of additional dollars for the Pentagon while making deep cuts to Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)? We will urge Congress to reject more money for war and cuts to security at home.

TELL CONGRESS TO PUT PEOPLE BEFORE THE PENTAGON

Despite the Pentagon admitting to wasting \$125 billion dollars over five years, the president and congressional leaders are calling for even more money to be added to its already bloated budget. The proposed House budget would grow Pentagon spending by \$921 billion over the next ten years while cutting all other discretionary spending by \$1.3 trillion. At the same time, it would require \$4.4 trillion in additional cuts to programs like Medicaid and the SNAP. Nearly 70 million people benefit from Medicaid, and 45 million low-income people, half of them children, receive food assistance through SNAP.

This is fiscally irresponsible policy, and it is immoral, unjust policy. Our budget is a manifestation of our national values and priorities. Will we throw more money at the Pentagon that will only benefit defense contractors and war profiteers, or will we invest in true American security through programs that benefit low-income and middle class people?

* You can attend just the Quaker Public Policy Institute (ends Friday evening) for training and lobbying, or you may attend QPPI and Annual Meeting (ends Sunday) for even more skill building workshops, Quaker worship, and FCNL business.

WEDNESDAY, 11/1

1:30pm: Advocacy Team leadership workshop (by invitation)
7:00pm: Registration for early birds
7:30pm: Lobby training for early birds

THURSDAY, 11/2

MORNING
Breakfast (provided)
Panel on lobby ask
Key note address

AFTERNOON
Lunch (provided)
Lobby training
Worship

EVENING
Reception (food provided)
Plenary

FRIDAY, 11/3

MORNING
Breakfast (provided)
Worship

ALL DAY
Lobbying!

LATE AFTERNOON
QPPI closing reception*

EVENING
Plenary

SATURDAY, 11/4

MORNING
Worship
Meeting for worship with attention to business

AFTERNOON
Lunch with lobbyists (provided)
Skill building workshops
Committee workshops

EVENING
Dinner (provided)
Plenary
Reception celebration for the success of the capital campaign

SUNDAY, 11/5

MORNING
Breakfast (provided)
Meeting for worship with attention to business
Meeting for worship