

August Action: Drop-by Visit Checklist & Script

For 80 years, the Friends Committee on National Legislation has been working to advance a more just world through public policy advocacy. We have learned one of the most powerful ways to make an impact on Capitol Hill is to meet face-to-face with members of Congress and their staff.

Advocate for peace and justice by dropping by delivering a message to your members of Congress when they are home during the August Congressional Recess, from Aug. 1 –31.

Have any questions? Email FCNL National Field Organizer at jbahena@fcnl.org

Drop-by Visit Checklist

- You can look up your members of Congress at fcnl.org/FindCongress. Identify which lawmaker you want to visit, and click through to their website to find your nearest in-district office location.
- Use the sample script (below) to prepare what you want to say during your visits. You don't have to use it word-for-word, but it's helpful to have a plan before you visit the office.
- Download and print a legislative ask document to take to your drop-by at fcnl.org/act/legislativeask. There you will find asks for peacebuilding, migration, and more.
- After your visit, go to fcnl.org/reportback and tell us how it went! Reporting back to FCNL will help our legislative team as they follow-up with congressional offices back in DC.

Sample Script

Hi, my name is _____. I'm visiting today because I'm concerned about [issue you've chosen to speak with the congressional office on—refer to the legislative ask document.]

Could you please pass this document on to the staff member who works on [issue] and ask them to let me know [Rep. ____/Sen. ____]'s position on this important issue?

May I please have the contact information for the staffer who works on this policy issue in your Washington, D.C. office?

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me.

Leave your contact information and tell the staff person that you'd like the office to follow up with their response to your question.