Federal Fiscal Year 2018:
A Webinar For Advocating For Our Funding Priorities

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Why Are Appropriations Important?

• Funding fuels the federal government
• Is an action defining the federal government’s priorities
• Appropriations are financed by taxpayer dollars and should reflect taxpayer’s priorities
Timeline:
Typical Roles of Appropriations Players

White House

• Request Appropriations for Agencies
• Sign or Veto Spending or Authorization Measures
• Provide General and Sometimes Specific Direction to Agencies
Timeline: Typical Roles of Appropriations Players

Agencies

• Assess Funding Needs Two Fiscal Years Ahead and Report to OMB
• Spend Funding During Current Fiscal Year
• Operate Programs, Often in Partnership with NGOs and Private Actors
• Respond to Congressional Oversight Inquiries
Timeline:
Typical Roles of Appropriations Players

Congress

• Appropriate Funding to Agencies
• Set Parameters for How Agencies and Programs Can Operate
• Conduct Oversight Over Agencies and Programs
Timeline:
Typical Roles of Appropriations Players
Private and NGO Sector

• Operate Programs in Collaboration with Agencies
• Serve as Experts Advising Agencies on Program Needs and Operations
• Advise Appropriators of Agency and Program Operations and Needs
• Rally Congressional Support for or Against Proposals
• Rally Public Support for or Against Proposals
How To Set Up A Meeting With Your Lawmaker

• Look up your lawmaker’s office and local office information. Use http://www.house.gov/ and https://www.senate.gov/index.htm
• Call your their office and ask for the names of the schedulers so that you can send the requests directly to those staffers.
• Send your formal meeting request in writing to the office’s scheduler. Remember that there might be a district/state scheduler and a DC scheduler.
• If you already have a staff contact in an office, consider cc’ing your contact in the meeting request.
• Gather before the meeting and discuss with your partners what role each will take and who will cover which issues or talking points.
• Your entire group should arrive at least five minutes early to the meeting.
• At the meeting, always get a business card of the staffer you are meeting with or the staffer(s) attending the meeting with the lawmaker.
• Always maintain a respectful tone. Do not be confrontational or overly argumentative.
• Assign one person in your group to take thorough notes.
• Post on social media as soon as possible any photos you take at the meeting. If using Twitter, tweet at the Member so that they can re-tweet the picture(s). Also tweet to @jfiusccb
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Overview

• Focus- Department of Homeland Security

• Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration Enforcement:
  – Catholic Social Teaching recognizes the role of the government in ensuring the integrity of our border and enforcement of our laws.
  – However, this should not undermine or prohibit humane and just policies that allow individuals to migrate, to remain in home country and to access protection.
No Exorbitant Enforcement Funding

• Oppose $1.6 Billion for Border Wall along U.S./Mexico Border
  – Existing 700 Miles of Fencing

• Oppose Massive Increase to Immigrant Detention
  – Largest proposed increase ever

• 1000 ICE Officers and 500 CBP New Officer Hires Proposed
  – Last DHS officer hiring “surge” not completed
Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Programs (LHHS)
Overview

• Focus – Department of Health and Human Services Funding and Department of Labor Funding

• JFI’s asks promote access to crucial transitional services and assistance for refugees, unaccompanied children, other vulnerable migrant populations, and victims of human trafficking. This helps to build resiliency and self-sufficiency.

• JFI asks help equip local communities to successfully welcome these individuals and families.

• JFI asks also help the U.S. Government to fight human trafficking internationally.
Build Resiliency and Self-Sufficiency

WELCOMING COMMUNITY.....

Health Care

Education

Jobs
Asks

Refugee and Entrants Account

- $1.69 billion
- For refugees, unaccompanied children, victims of trafficking, and other vulnerable migrant populations in the U.S.

International Labor Affairs Bureau

- $91 million
- For victims of human trafficking, to enable the U.S. Government to combat child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking internationally.
Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS)
Overview

• Focus – Department of Justice funding

• JFI’s asks promote migrant’s access to protection by supporting:
  • Access to fair and timely proceedings;
  • Counsel; and
  • Full due process.
Access to Due Process & Justice

Access to timely proceedings
  • Support overall increased request for the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR).
  • Support request for 75 new immigration judges.

Access to legal resources and representation
  • Expand Legal Orientation Programs to all detention facilities.
  • Expand the Pilot Program for Legal Representation.

Protection not prosecution
  • Oppose hiring 70 immigration enforcement prosecutors.
Other Asks

Sanctuary Jurisdictions

• Oppose section 219 –
  • Aggressively expands existing information sharing and compliance requirements for local law enforcement.
  • Existing requirements set forth in 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

Detention

• Oppose detention funding –
  • Short-term space that is offered by the U.S. Marshals.
State and Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS)
Overview

- Focus – Department of State Funding

- JFI’s asks promote eliminated the root causes of conflict and persecution that force people to flee from their countries.

- JFI asks protect and provide life-saving support for refugees who have fled from their homes to neighboring countries, and also supports the local communities that welcome the refugees.

- JFI asks support processing of the most vulnerable refugees for resettlement to the United States, 75% of whom are vulnerable women and children.
Accompany Refugees on their Whole Journey

International Disaster Assistance
“The Right Not to Have to Migrate”—address the root causes

Migration and Refugee Assistance
Overseas Assistance—refugees’ basic necessities, host country support
Refugee Admissions Program—most vulnerable, family unity

Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance
Asks

International Disaster Assistance Account--$3.4 billion

Migration and Refugee Assistance Account--$3.6 billion

Emergency Migration and Refugee Assistance--$50 million
Root Causes: Central America

• Immigration policy should consider the root causes of migration
  – Poverty, inequality, lack of opportunity
  – Violence and impunity
  – Weak states

“We flee insecurity and hunger.”
“In my neighborhood, I am more likely to be shot in the head than I am to find a decent job.”
Asks: Central America

Prioritize addressing the root causes of migration through community-based approaches that
• reduce poverty and
• prevent violence.

Other important asks:
• Support strengthening judicial systems
• Support strengthening protection systems for children and other vulnerable populations

Ask for U.S. assistance to address these areas rather than funding security forces.
Questions

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