***Be the Change Congress Needs:*FCNL Advocacy Team Launch Workshop**

**Subject:** Time and time again, people from across the U.S. see our members of Congress struggle to solve the problems that matter most. Instead, money, corporations, and apathy continue to feed governmental gridlock. We're left wondering – what can we do to restore our democracy?

When the [Congressional Management Foundation](http://www.congressfoundation.org/news/press-releases/1088-new-report-offers-first-research-based-guidance-on-conducting-meetings-with-congress) surveyed hundreds of Congressional staff members, they found that in-person meetings with your members of Congress are the most effective way to influence policy decisions.

Change in Washington starts with you.

 Please join **Maiya Zwerling**, FCNL’s**[[1]](#footnote-1)** National Field Organizer, for a workshop:

-         Join a community of people working for peace and justice

-         Begin using effective advocacy tools

-         Learn how to build power in your community to make change in Washington

**Workshop on June 23, 2016 will focus on the changes we can make in Washington**

Dear **F(f)riends**,

I'm excited about a workshop (F)friends at Harrisburg Friends Meeting is hosting and hope you will be interested in attending on **June 23, 2016 at Harrisburg Friends Meeting House, 1100 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 at 5:30PM**. We are working with Maiya Zwerling, the national field organizer for the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), on a project to help break the gridlock in Congress. She's launching FCNL Advocacy Teams around the country, and we are working on starting one in Harrisburg, PA.

It’s no secret that Congress isn't making enough progress on the issues that matter most. But Maiya and the team at the Quaker lobby have an amazing track record of fostering Congressional champions for peace and justice -- they take strategic steps every day to move Congress in the right direction.

Maiya is going around the country launching FCNL Advocacy Teams that will work with Congress and the media to foster champions for peace and justice. I think this could be a way forward.

Please let me know if you can join us. My email is listed below. **Please RSVP** with me for this event. I hope you can make it! Again, the workshop will be on June 23, 2016 at Harrisburg Friends Meeting House, 1100 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 at 5:30PM. Let me know what you think!

**Thank you!**

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1. *The Friends Committee on National Legislation is a Quaker lobby in the public interest that seeks to promote just, peaceful, and equitable policies in the U.S. government. FCNL’s influence in Washington stems from the integrity and truthfulness of our arguments and the strength of our grassroots network.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)