



**Friends Committee on
Legislation of California**

Update – February 2025

First, we'd like express our appreciation to all the individuals and Meetings who have contributed to our Fundraising Campaign over the last three months. This support is allowing us to carry out another year of advocacy here in Sacramento. And it will be a consequential year!

As you can imagine, California's decisionmakers are actively developing a response to actions taken – or likely to be taken – by the Trump administration. The governor has just signed legislation passed during the recent Special Session, including a bill supported by FCLCA that allocates \$25 million in FY2024-25 spending for services to defend immigrants from deportation.

Gov. Newsom has submitted his proposed FY 2025-26 budget, which is “roughly balanced,” and protects the safety net gains which we've won over prior years, but does not include significant new expenditures on issues such as poverty, childcare and housing. [Read more here.](#) FCLCA has recently joined in coalition to ask the governor and legislative leaders to invest a minimum of \$2.9 billion in essential affordable housing and homelessness programs.

There is much uncertainty in the air as the budget process moves forward with hearings, debate, and negotiations until the June 15 deadline. One- third of our state's annual spending comes from federal funds, primarily in Medicaid dollars (Medi-Cal), education and SNAP (food stamps) benefits. Medi-Cal could face significant threats to its federal funding, which would have an enormous impact on other state spending, as Medi-Cal covers over one-third of Californians, including over half of our children.

February 21 marks the last day to introduce bills. One top priority for FCLCA this year, as for many of the organizations we partner with, is protecting immigrant rights. As the state with the largest immigrant population, our immigrant neighbors in California are facing threats of deportation and lack of access to services. Your support allows us to weigh in on bills such as Senate Bill 48, which would restrict local educational agencies and local law enforcement agencies from cooperating with federal immigration enforcement officers on or near school grounds, providing additional protections for students and families to attend school safely.

The recent wildfires have brought even more urgency to the issue of climate change this year, and FCLCA is supporting Sen. Wiener's bill, SB 222 – the Affordable Insurance and Climate Recovery Act, which will create a private right of action for individuals injured by

climate disasters and extreme weather events to recover their losses from the oil and gas companies that misled the public about the harm their products would cause. SB 222 will also create a direct cause of action for insurers to recover harms to their business that result from climate related damage.

Your financial support and your activism make our work possible. We'd like to encourage you to check our website www.fclca.org regularly for information on legislation, events, important articles and resources on current issues and – very importantly - actions you can take to influence decisionmakers. Please check out the “Our Work” section and [the Action Center](#) and [Education Center](#) News and Analysis pages for updates throughout the year. And if you are already active or interested in a particular area that we work in, for example, environmental issues or death penalty abolition, please send me an email at kevan@fclca.org, so I can let you know of advocacy opportunities.

Thank you again for your partnership!