

dear members

Another year has passed and once again we are reflecting on how important you are to NETWORK. Not only do you support us financially, but you advocate with your elected representatives on the Hill and in your community. We love it when we hear from a congressional office that you have been calling or writing. This is NETWORK at our best.

We are also grateful for the many ways that you share our mission by forwarding e-mails, taking action, sharing this magazine, talking about what matters most, and helping us reflect on the important issues of today. But in these turbulent times, we are called to do more.

In the last few months, the vitriol towards people who are immigrants and Muslim has been rampant in our country. We cannot stay silent in the face of such fear and distortion. I hope you will join us in our resolution to support all of God's people and creation. We must speak out against the dangerous rhetoric towards members of our global family. This means that our advocacy is needed more than ever.

Therefore, as we kick off this critical year and the 2016 presidential election year, let us resolve together to be advocates with Congress and the Administration, but also advocates with our friends and neighbors. Let us advocate with others to follow Jesus' instruction to "fear not." This is what will make us a "more perfect union" where all are part of We the People.

Yours, Simone Campbell, SSS **Executive Director**



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In a Congress that was mostly deadlocked Hill and around the country. We cannot owner in her family after experiencing last year, we have at least one important be purists. If we advocated for only our incarceration and homelessness. She victory to celebrate. Through persistent way without making compromises, then helps me remember that these programs advocacy, dogged determination, and nothing would get done. Our people that we work for help real people make astute leadership, Congress found a way would languish. Children would go hun-real gains. to pass the most significant anti-poverty gry. And the moneyed interests would legislation in decades. The big tax bill have whatever they want. But how do told us how the east side of town had that passed makes the 2009 improve- we stay faithful to our values in such a been cut off from the downtown capital ments to the Earned Income Tax Credit murky world?

and the Child Tax Credit permanent. A

lies. So we kept working for it. like it was dead, but we kept working. On Dec. 3 a colleague told me that if it passed, it should be called the "Lazarus bill" because it had been brought back to life several times. Your letters and calls helped breathe life back into the legislation and helped to make it real. You have helped millions of families (especially their children) to live lives less strapped by abject poverty. Thank you for your tireless efforts.

But we also know that the bill is not perfect. The price for getting our provisions made permanent was having a much larger package of business tax credits made permanent also. These will come directly out of our nation's tax revenue without having any offsetting spending cuts. This is challenging because the Republican-led Congress has been saying that we don't have the money to fund programs for those living in poverty. But it appears that we have a lot of money to give away to those at the top of the economic ladder. This is wrong, but we still celebrate the achievement which provides key support to our struggling families.

This brought me to reflect on the challenging ministry that we do on Capitol

Staying Faithful in a Murky World

In Indianapolis we met people who for years. People living on the east side My reflection has brought me to know are primarily people of color and their few months ago, I only gave it a 35 to that in many ways it is our bus encoun- commute to jobs is difficult or almost im-40% chance of passing. But we knew that ters that keep us faithful. On the bus, possible. Finally, federal highway funds it was the most important thing that the we met Anika in Nashville who benefit- were available to construct a bridge over Congress could do this term to improve ted from the Earned Income Tax Credit the freeway. This literally bridged the the situation of millions of working fami- and the Child Tax Credit so that she was racial divides and made it possible for able to cobble together a down payment people to get to work and to change bus Right after Thanksgiving, it looked on a home. Anika became the first home routes to better serve the city. These folks help me remember that federal funding can change lives.

> In Memphis we were reminded of how the voting rights act makes a difference in the lives of the disenfranchised. The Civil Rights Museum lifted up the struggle for racial justice in our nation, but also made it clear that our work is not done. Current efforts to discourage voting and to drive people away from the polls underscore the work that needs to be done to restore the voting rights act to full effect.

> These stories and so many more keep me grounded in the truth that we cannot afford to wait for the perfect bill. In any policy struggle we need to set our priorities of what we want to accomplish and a ranked list of what is unacceptable. We then know what to insist on and what we can negotiate. As long as our outline is rooted in the lives and struggles of real people then we know that we are being faithful to their needs and our values. Therefore, the call for us in the ministry of advocacy is to stay rooted in the lives and needs of those around us. This is the spirituality of the incarnation that will bring life and healing to many. Thank you for being that sacrament for me.



How Should We Fight Poverty in 2016?

Joseph Ward, NETWORK Communications Manager, interviewed U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Robert Doar, Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). The perspectives from the left and right provide a framework for how policymakers intend to address poverty issues this year. These interviews were conducted separately.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren

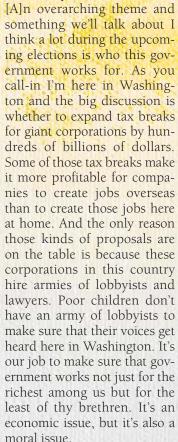
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More than 16 million children live in poor families. Three million of these children live in families certifiably on less than two dollars a day. Think about that. In one of the richest countries in the world three million children are living in families trying to survive on two dollars a day. The luck of the draw can be brutal for American children who are born to poor parents. They're more likely to have low birth weights, more cognitive delays, more behavioral problems, and worse performance in schools. These early disadvantages never go away even as children grow up. They're less likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be poor themselves as adults and more likely to be unemployed. So for me, that's the frame. That's where it all starts. America is supposed to be a land of opportunity, a place where anyone can get ahead so long as they work hard and play by the rules. But the numbers tell a very different story for poor children. It's up to us to make the promise of America real.

Joseph: What will be some of your eco-children living in all states. Those three nomic justice priorities? Any policy things would make a huge difference in pieces you'll be pushing?

Sen. Warren: Raise the minimum wage. Education though is another part of the Raising the minimum wage will lift millions of children out of poverty and crying before they ever get to first grade. lessen the impact of poverty on millions We need to do more early childhood more. I just was looking at the num-intervention to say those children have bers [for] the Earned Income Tax Credit an opportunity to learn. It's also about and Child Tax Credit [and these two tax the ability to create a robust economy, credits] alone keep more than five mil- a stronger economy. And that means a Joseph: In 2016, what are some of the lion children out of poverty and lessen willingness to invest in infrastructure, things we can do to end poverty in the the impact of poverty for an additional eight million children. Those together, here in America, that shouldn't be sent just those two tax credits are doing more overseas. Investing in medical and scien-Sen. Warren: Any attempt to end pov- to reduce child poverty than any other tific research. Partly because that is good erty has to start with a cold hard look at federal program. So there are two right for the economy of America, but partly what's happening to America's children there: raise the minimum wage; pro- because it gives our children a healthier today. More than half of all children in tect and expand the Earned Income Tax start. Every one of these pieces about in-

the lives of children born into poverty. And so I'll be working on all of those. picture. Children born into poverty are make it more attractive to build jobs public school live below the poverty line. Credit; expand affordable health care to vesting in the future creates a pathway for our poorest children.. [A]n overarching theme and something we'll talk about I





U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is the senior Senator of Massachusetts.

Joseph: How are you and other members an EBT card to help pay for food but not say to people that it's better for your of Congress bridging political divides on these issues?

Sen. Warren: When we speak of our world responsibilities as human beings, we talk about something larger than political identification. I am hopeful that when good people who are committed to social justice, reach out to their Senators and Representatives that together we can push this country in a direction that makes opportunity for all our children, without regard to political ideology.

Robert Doar

Joseph: You've had an opportunity to work with diverse economic leaders through the AEI-Brookings partnership. As we look ahead, what are for some of the things we can do in 2016 to help end poverty in the U.S.?

Robert: There are four important things that I think could happen. The first is that we could encourage more work among SNAP [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program] recipients. The food stamp program is a good program. It does a lot of good for a lot of Americans. It helps people reduce their exposure to very low food security and food insecurity generally. But it is a transactional program. It helps people get additional resources into their household so they can afford more groceries, but it doesn't try to help them transform their lives so that they don't need the assistance. As co-chair to the National Commission on Hunger, I spent the last 15 months going around the country talking to people and I heard from recipients who said that the SNAP program was good at getting them

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needs to change. If people are employed erty or suffering from food insecurity.

a bill on highway construction and the So I hope we do. President signed) or reduction in taxes or to be good for poor Americans.

so good at helping them get a job. This child, [or] your prospective child, if you have a committed partner and most they are far less likely to be either in pov-likely that happens within marriage in the United States. Two active, involved, Second, I hope Congress passes legis- consistent parents working together to lation, which the president can sign, that jointly raise a child is a key ingredient helps our economy continue to grow and to helping people escape poverty. So I move forward. The economy is a very hope we talk more about that, and enimportant part of the extent to which courage that and promote a greater culwe are able to help Americans who are tural awareness about the importance of struggling. Job availability and rising lev- marriage and two parents in children's els of employment, increased wages all families. I should say that as a Cathomatter. Whether it's good investments in lic, I'm not always sure that our church infrastructure (which Congress did pass does enough on this and could do more.

The fourth thing is we need to help less regulation--any of those things that disconnected young men. They are the are good for the economy are also likely group in our society who are struggling the most. They are more likely to be re-The third is that we encourage mar-turning from being incarcerated, be out riage and that we encourage the forma- of the labor market and I am a believer in tion of families prior to having children. targeted efforts to help these young men Children just do much better when they who are really having difficulty. Whether have stable, secure, and consistent par- it's reentry programs or targeted programs enting from both a mother and a father for noncustodial parents or increased tax and we should be honest about that credits that make work or wages go furwith struggling Americans. We should ther for them. Those are good things we



can do that would be good for them and should also fix its deficiencies. for their families, and I think it will ultimately reduce poverty.

poverty?

Robert: I think the Earned Income Tax lems of the current EITC. Credit is enormously effective in shoring up low wages especially for single Joseph: How do we bridge divides on parents with children in the household. It has a significant problem in that the IRS has found that there are about 20% **Robert:** I think the number one way make it bigger and better, I think we both sides. And then you try to get into

The group that is left out of the Earned Income Tax Credit are childless adults who are equally poor and their **Joseph:** What is the role of wages and wages are equally low and they get very the Earned Income Tax Credit and little wage supplement from the Earned Child Tax Credit as a part of fighting Income Tax Credit. It would be good if we could move towards increasing that while at the same time fixing the prob-

these issues?

misapplied payments, so the error rate is you talk to each other and you treat is too high. But the status quo of that each other with respect. You don't chalcredit is basically good. It promotes and lenge the others' motivations or backsupports work, reduces poverty and I ground. You accept people for where think people agree with that across the they are and where they're coming from political spectrum. If we are going to and you assume good intentions on



Americans.



Jan Valder and Barney Offerman have been loyal **NETWORK** members since 1982

"We are NETWORK members because Catholic social teaching has been our grounding as we have worked in our community. For us, NETWORK creates a public movement of the heart as well as the mind to practice social and distributive justice, as 'public forms of love.' It gives us a special feeling to be able to support NETWORK!"

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Working Together to Eliminate Child Poverty in America

By U.S. SENATOR TAMMY BALDWIN

Last September, I had the honor of wit- half in 10 years, eradicate extreme child monitoring progress toward the target gress when he visited the United States. poverty overall in 20 years. Throughout his remarks, the Pope called Our legislation institutes a process child poverty like this is not unprecattention to the most vulnerable Amerito identify the most effective intervenedented—in fact, it has already been cans: our young.

"Their problems are our problems," Pope Francis remarked. "We cannot avoid them. We need to face them together, to talk about them and to seek effective solutions rather than getting bogged down in discussions."

For millions of Americans, childhood means growing up in poverty without access to the basic needs and opportunities that everyone—especially a child—should have in our country. In my home state of Wisconsin, over 18 percent of Wisconsinites under the age of 18 spent 2014 in poverty including 21 percent of children under the age of five. Pope Francis's call to action is clear. The time is now to advance real strategies to

care for America's children and eliminate tions to meet these targets. In order twenty years is a moral and just cause child poverty.

children living in poverty in America by It also tasks the working group with achieved.

nessing Pope Francis's address to Conpoverty in 10 years, and eliminate child at the federal and state levels.

Creating a national target to cut

proven to work. In 1999, the United Kingdom established a national child poverty target. The UK's Child Poverty Target, and resulting policy changes, cut the country's child poverty rate by 50 percent during the effort's first decade. This remarkable success starkly contrasts with what has happened in the United States during that same period—a more than 20 percent increase in child poverty between 2000 and 2013.

Government cannot address child poverty alone. It is going to take a national commitment from both the public and private sector to act and end this crisis. Eliminating child poverty in the next



U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin is the junior senator of Wisconsin.

Together with my colleagues U.S. "Federal Interagency Working Group to move our nation forward. Senators Bob Casey (D-PA) and Sherrod on Reducing Child Poverty" with devel-Brown (D-OH), I have introduced the oping a plan that includes recommen- WORK this year and every other Ameri-Child Poverty Reduction Act to meet the dations to improve the coordination can determined to meet this challenge challenge of eliminating child poverty. and efficiency of existing initiatives, head-on and improve the lives of mil-This legislation would establish a na- as well as recommendations for new lions of American children who detional target to reduce the number of legislation needed to reach the targets. serve hope, opportunity, and dreams

to meet these goals, the bill charges a around which we must all rally in order

I look forward to working with NET-

Robert Doar is the Morgridge Fellow in Poverty Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI). He was one of 15 experts to participate in the AEI-Brookings Working Group on Poverty and



The Architect of the Capitol has begun the final phase of the Dome Restoration Project.

Voting Record for the 114th Congress First Session

BY SISTER MARGE CLARK, NETWORK LOBBYIST

It seems that every year ends in a mix of wins and losses when considering the accomplishments of the House and the Senate. In 2015, the mix was more positive than we had anticipated. Several bills sent to the President for his signature evidenced the desire of members of Congress to work together and bridge divides, such as the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, Bipartisan Budget Act, Iran Nuclear Agreement Review, and Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. While others only passed one chamber, such as the Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act and the Homes for Heroes Act, we still see evidence of a willingness to come together to find policy solutions for complex problems.

As usual, Congress pushed difficult decisions on taxes and funding of the government to the last possible moment. In weeks prior to the release, we heard little about the negotiations, particularly on the funding bill, as staff and members worked behind closed doors. It is to their advantage to keep it quiet, as it limits the time others have to raise opposition. We heard speculation that hundreds of "poison pill" riders were proposed, which would have affected immigrants, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), the environment. Syrian refugees, and more. Despite the closed-door negotiations, we did our best to lobby against these harmful provisions to insure the legislation worked for the 100%.

Just before midnight, two days before the temporary continuing resolution expired, the tax and funding bills were re-

leased to the House and the Senate. The deadline forced an additional short term continuing resolution to provide time for floor work and bringing each bill to a vote. NETWORK is pleased with both bills. Certainly, the budget is far from what we would want it to be, but it is equally as far from how damaging it might have been. Attention was given to the needs of those at the margins through increased funding to human needs programs above the sequester level. In addition, almost all the poison pill riders vanished.

NETWORK's major concern in the tax extender bill was the permanence of the improvements to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and to the Child Tax Credit (CTC), which were set to expire in a very uncertain 2017. We were pleased this, and several other credits to help working families, were included for permanency. Months earlier, the committee had only planned to include tax breaks for businesses. The advocacy of NETWORK, our members, friends, and partners helped to change hearts and minds, bringing the consideration of the common good to this bill.

The voting record charts will give you a sense of the values and decisions of Senators and Representatives and where they stand in relation to the issues you, and we, have worked on throughout this year.

With hope, we look forward to 2016, that even in a Presidential election year, legislation will pass. The criminal the shortened calendar, it must move quickly. Bills related to family and personal medical leave, and those requiring adaptations for women who are pregnant or with a young infant, living on the margins. Congress needs to continue hearing may also be discussed. Focused on their campaigns, mem-your voice. We saw some positive legislation last year. Help bers will use legislation and votes for messaging purposes.

justice reform bill is ready and has momentum, but given This might not result in ideas becoming law, but we hope this year will build the groundwork for a strong transition to the next Congress and some progress toward justice for those us be able to say the same a year from now.

Senate Voting Record 2015

Immigration Rule of Law Act of 2015 • L ■ Vote #63 (S. 534)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which prohibits funds from being used to carry out certain executive actions related to immigration, including DACA and DAPA.

Cloture was not invoked, disallowing further consideration 57–42 (1 not voting), February 27, 2015

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 • Vote #144 (H.R. 2)

NETWORK supported this bill. The two-year reauthorization will improve children's healthcare through providing child-focused health insurance that covers all of their medical needs.

Passed 92-8, April 14, 2015 Became law April 16, 2015

The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 • **Vote #219 (Amendment to H.R. 2146)**

(Official Bill Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers. firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penaltyfree withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes)

NETWORK opposed this bill. The law provides an expedited legislative procedure for the consideration and approval of trade agreements known as "fast track." Under the rule, a trade agreement cannot be amended, must receive a vote in both houses, cannot be filibustered in the Senate, and is passed by a simple majority rather than the 2/3rd standard (Article 2, Section 2) required for treaties.

Passed 60–38 (2 not voting), June 24, 2015 Became law June 29, 2015

To repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and **Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely** Vote #253 (S. Amdt. 2328 to S. Amdt. 2327 to S. Amdt. 2266 to H.R. 22)

NETWORK opposed this amendment, and all other measures that attempted to repeal or dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

Cloture was not invoked, disallowing further consideration 49-43 (8 not voting), July 26, 2015

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal National Detense Authorization Act Year 2016 • Vote #277 (H.R. 1735)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which would have broken parity by significantly increasing the amount of money the Pentagon receives through the unmonitored Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) fund. A significant increase to the OCO was obtained through the Defense Appropriations bill, but half the increase in funding went to Foreign Operations, therefore not breaking the parity principle.

Agreed to 70–27 (3 not voting), October 7, 2015 Vetoed October 22, 2015

Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Stop Sanctuary Foreign Americans Act • Vote #280 (S. 2146)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which would penalize hundreds of cities and counties for adopting policies that work to restore community trust with police by limiting police involvement in immigration enforcement. The legislation would deny these jurisdictions federal funding for housing and create mandatory minimums and increase the maximum penalty for undocumented immigrants.

Cloture was not invoked, disallowing further consideration 54–45 (1 not voting), October 20, 2015

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 • 7 Bipartisan Budget Act of Vote #294 (H.R. 1314)

NETWORK supported this budget agreement, which was a compromise that raised revenue and budget caps. Furthermore, the budget caps were raised equally between defense and nondefense spending. While the deal did not achieve all of NETWORK's objectives, it was a better option for our nation than a budget that adheres to sequester caps.

Passed 64–35 (1 not voting), October 30, 2015 Became law November 2, 2015

Consolidated Appropria Vote #339 (H.R. 2029) Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 •

NETWORK supported this bill, which combined the tax and budget legislation passed as separate bills in the House (House Voting Record #10 and #11). The tax portion of the bill made permanent the 2009 expansions to the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit. The deal also provided increased funding for human needs programs with amounts above the sequester level.

Passed 65–33 (2 not voting), December 18, 2015 Became law December 18, 2015

There were no changes in the Senate during this Session.

voting record

HOW THEY VOTED IN THE SENATE	Immigration Rule of Law 2015	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization 2015	Bipartisan Trade Priorities and Accountability 2015	Repeal Patient Protection and Affordable Care	Defense Authorization FY16	Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans	Bipartisan Budget 2015	Consolidated Appropriations 2016	Of votes cast, percentage voted with NETWORK
ALABAMA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	%
Jeff Sessions (R) Richard Shelby (R)	=	Ξ	+	o -	Ξ	=	Ξ	=	14%* 13%
Lisa Murkowski (R) Dan Sullivan (R) ARIZONA	Ξ	+	Ξ	o -	=	Ξ	+	+	43%* 13%
Jeff Flake (R) John McCain (R) ARKANSAS	=	+	Ξ	o	Ξ	Ξ	÷	Ξ	14%* 25%
John Boozeman (R) Tom Cotton (R) CALIFORNIA	Ξ	+	Ξ	_	=	_	=	Ξ	13% 13%
Barbara Boxer (D) Dianne Feinstein (D) COLORADO	o +	+ +	+	+	+	+	++	o +	100%* 75%
Michael Bennet (D) Cory Gardner (R) CONNECTICUT	+	+ +	Ξ	+	Ξ	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u> -	+	75% 25%
Richard Blumenthal (D) Christopher Murphy (D)	+	+ +	++	+	Ξ	+ +	+ +	+	88% 88%
Thomas Carper (D) Chris Coons (D) FLORIDA	+	+ +	=	+ o	++	+	++	+	88% 86%*
Bill Nelson (D) Marco Rubio (R) GEORGIA	+ -	<u>+</u> -	- 0	+	+ o	+	<u>+</u>	+ 0	88% 0%*
Johnny Isakson (R) David Perdue (R)	Ξ	<u>+</u>	Ξ	_	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	+	25% 13%
Mazie Hirono (D) Brian Schatz (D)	++	+ +	+	+	+	++	+ +	+	100% 100%
Michael Crapo (R) Jim Risch (R) ILLINOIS	Ξ	+ +	Ξ	_	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	13% 13%
Richard Durbin (D) Mark Kirk (R)	+	+ +	+	+	+	+	++	+	100% 50%
Dan Coats (R) Joe Donnelly (D)	=	++	+	-	Ξ	Ξ	- +	+	25% 63%
Joni Ernst (R) Charles Grassley (R) KANSAS	=	++	=	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	13% 13%
Jerry Moran (R) Pat Roberts (R) KENTUCKY	Ξ	+	=	_	- 0	-	- +	+	13% 43%*
Mitch McConnell (R) Rand Paul (R) LOUISIANA	+	+ +	+	Ξ	- +	Ξ	+	+	50% 38%
Bill Cassidy (R) David Vitter (R) MAINE	Ξ	+ +	Ξ	=	Ξ	=	- 0	Ξ	13% 14%*
Susan Collins (R) Angus King (IND) MARYLAND	- +	+ +	+	- +	Ξ	- +	++	+	50% 88%
Benjamin Cardin (D) Barbara Mikulski (D) MASSACHUSETTS	+	+ +	++	+	+	+	++	+	100% 100%
Edward Markey (D) Elizabeth Warren (D) MICHIGAN	++	+ +	++	o +	+ +	+	+ +	- +	86%* 100%
Gary Peters (D) Debbie Stabenow (D) MINNESOTA	++	+ +	++	+	Ξ	+ +	+ +	+	88% 88%
Al Franken (D) Amy Klobuchar (D) MISSISSIPPI	++	+ +	++	+	<u>+</u>	++	+ +	+	100% 88%
Thad Cochran (R) Roger Wicker (R) MISSOURI	Ξ	+ +	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	++	+	38% 38%
Roy Blunt (R) Claire McCaskill (D)	=	+ +	=	- +	Ξ	+	- +	+	25% 50%

Voted with NETWORK + Voted against NETWORK - Did not vote o Inactive/not in office I	Immigration Rule of Law 2015	Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization 2015	Bipartisan Trade Priorities and Accountability 2015	Repeal Patient Protection and Affordable Care	Defense Authorization FY16	Stop Sanctuary Policies and Protect Americans	Bipartisan Budget 2015	Consolidated Appropriations 2016	Of votes cast, percentage voted with NETWORK
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Deb Fischer (R) Ben Sasse (R)	Ξ	<u>+</u>	=	Ξ	Ξ	-	Ξ	=	13% 0%
Dean Heller (R) Harry Reid (D) NEW HAMPSHIRE	- +	+ +	-	-	- +	- +	- +	+ +	25% 100%
Kelly Ayotte (R) Jeanne Shaheen (D) NEW JERSEY	- +	+ +	=	- +	Ξ	- +	+ +	+	38% 75%
Cory Booker (D) Robert Menendez (D) NEW MEXICO	+	+ +	+	+	<u>+</u> -	+	+ +	+	100% 88%
Martin Heinrich (D) Tom Udall (D) NEW YORK	+ +	+	+ +	+ +	Ξ	+	+ +	+ +	88% 88%
Kirsten Gillibrand (D) Charles Schumer (D) NORTH CAROLINA	+ +	+ +	+	+ +	+ +	+	+ +	+	100% 100%
Richard Burr (R) Thom Tillis (R) NORTH DAKOTA	=	++	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	-	- +	- +	13% 38%
Heidi Heitkamp (D) John Hoeven (R)	Ξ	++	Ξ	+ -	Ξ	+	<u>+</u> -	+	63% 25%
Sherrod Brown (D) Rob Portman (R) OKLAHOMA	<u>+</u>	+	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u> -	<u>+</u>	+ -	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u> -	100% 13%
James Inhofe (R) James Lankford (R) OREGON	=	++	=	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	Ξ	+ +	25% 25%
Jeff Merkley (D) Ron Wyden (D) PENNSYLVANIA	+	+	+	+	++	+	+	Ξ	88% 75%
Bob Casey (D) Patrick Toomey (R) RHODE ISLAND	+	+	+	+ 0	Ξ	+	+	+	88% 14%*
Jack Reed (D) Sheldon Whitehouse (D) SOUTH CAROLINA	++	++	+	++	++	+	++	+	100% 100%
Lindsey Graham (R) Tim Scott (R) SOUTH DAKOTA	Ξ	<u>+</u>	Ξ	Ξ	<u>o</u>	o -	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>	50%* 0%
Mike Rounds (R) John Thune (R) TENNESSEE	=	+	=	=	Ξ	=	++	+	38% 25%
Lamar Alexander (R) Bob Corker (R) TEXAS	=	+	=	- 0	Ξ	=	+	+	38% 29%*
John Cornyn (R) Ted Cruz (R) UTAH	Ξ	+	÷	Ξ	-	Ξ	+	+	38% 25%
Orrin Hatch (R) Mike Lee (R) VERMONT	=	+	0	Ξ	=	Ξ	+	+	38% 0%*
Patrick Leahy (D) Bernard Sanders (IND) VIRGINIA	++	++	+	+ 0	++	+	++	+	100% 86%*
Tim Kaine (D) Mark Warner (D) WASHINGTON	++	+	=	++	Ξ	+	++	++	75% 75%
Maria Cantwell (D) Patty Murray (D) WEST VIRGINIA	+	+	Ξ	+	Ξ	+	+	+	75% 75%
Shelley Capito (R) Joe Manchin (D) WISCONSIN	Ξ	+	+	+	+	Ξ	+	+	38% 63%
Tammy Baldwin (D) Ron Johnson (R) WYOMING	+ -	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100% 25%
John Barrasso (R) Michael Enzi (R)	=	+	=	_	=	=	+	+	38% 13%

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Save American Workers Act of 2015 • Vote #14 (H.R. 30)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code to change the definition of "full-time employee" from at least 30 to at least 40 hours per week for purposes of the employer mandate to provide minimum essential healthcare coverage under the Affordable Care Act. This would decrease the number of workers for whom employers are required to provide health care.

Passed 252-172 (5 not voting), January 8, 2015

Blackburn of Tennessee Part B Amendment No. 2 to Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2015 • Vote #30 (H.AMDT.7 to H.R. 240)

NETWORK opposed this amendment, which attempted to prohibit federal funding, fees, and resources from being used on applications for individuals requesting DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

Agreed to 218-209 (6 not voting), January 14, 2015

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 • Vote #144 (H.R. 2)

NETWORK supported this bill. (See #2 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 392–37 (4 not voting), March 26, 2015 Became law April 16, 2015

Appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies • Vote #329 (H.R. 2577)

NETWORK opposed this appropriations bill, as it further reduced funding for human needs housing programs. Additionally, a policy rider was inserted eliminating the National Housing Trust Fund, including language to deny its ever becoming reality. (Note: The omnibus did not include this policy rider.)

Passed 216–210 (7 not voting), June 9, 2015

The Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 • Vote #374 (H.R. 2146)

(Official Bill Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers, firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50, and for other purposes)

NETWORK opposed this bill. (See #3 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 218–208 (8 not voting), June 18, 2015 Became law June 29, 2015

Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act • Vote #466 (H.R. 3009)

NETWORK opposed this bill. This bill would penalize hundreds of diverse cities and counties that have adopted policies that work to restore community trust with police by limiting police involvement in immigration enforcement. The legalization would deny these jurisdictions federal funding for law enforcement

Passed 241–179 (13 not voting), July 23, 2015

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 • Vote #532 (H.R. 1735)

NETWORK opposed this bill. (See #5 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 270–156 (8 not voting), October 1, 2015 Vetoed by President, October 22, 2015

Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 • Vote #579 (H.R. 1314)

NETWORK supported this bill. (See #7 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 266–167 (2 not voting), October 28, 2015 Became law November 2, 2015

American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act • Vote #643 (H.R. 4038)

NETWORK opposed this bill, which would create unnecessary additional screening of refugees on top of the current 18-24 month process. This measure would have all but ended the resettlement process to the United States for Syrian refugees.

Passed 289–137 (8 not voting), November 19, 2015

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Tax Extenders Vote) • Vote #703 (H.R. 2029)

NETWORK supported this bill. (See #8 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 318–109 (6 not voting), December 17, 2015

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (Budget Vote) • Vote #705 (H.R. 2029)

NETWORK supported this bill. (See #8 in Senate Voting Record for description.)

Passed 316-113 (5 not voting), December 18, 2015

House Changes during this Session

John Boehner, (R-OH-8), Resigned October 31, 2015 Aaron Schock (R-IL-18), Resigned March 31, 2015 Darin LaHood (R-IL-18), Elected September 10, 2015 Alan Nunnelee (R-MS-1), Died February 6, 2015 Trent Kelly (R-MS-1), Elected June 2, 2015 Michael G. Grimm (R-NY-11), Resigned January 5, 2015 Dan Donovan (R-NY-11), Elected May 5, 2015

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2. Martha Roby (R)	_	-	+	-	_	-	_	-	_	+	-	18%	38. Linda Sanchez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%
3. Mike Rogers (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	27%	39. Ed Royce (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	36%
4. Robert Aderholt (R)	-	-	+	7	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	36%	40. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%
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2. Martha McSally (R)	_	+	+	+	_	Ė	_	+	_	+	+	55%	49. Dana Konrabacher (K)	_		_	T	_		_			т +	+	45% 18%
3. Raúl Grijalva (Ď)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	82%	50. Duncan Hunter (R)	_	_	+	_	+	_	_	_	_	+	_	27%
4. Paul Gosar (R)	0	-	+	+	0	-	-	-	-	+	-	33%*	51. Juan Vargas (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	91%
5. Matt Salmon (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	18%	52. Scott Peters (D)	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	64%
6. David Schweikert (R) 7. Ruben Gallego (D)	0	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	9% 80%*	53. Susan Davis (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	82%
8. Trent Franks (R)	_	_	+	+	_	_	_	_	_	+	_	27%	COLORADO												
9. Kyrsten Sinema (D)	_	+	+	+	+	_	_	+	_	+	+	64%	1. Diana DeGette (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%
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3. Steve Womack (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	36%	6. Mike Coffman (R)	_	+	+	-	_	-	_	-	_	+	+	36%
4. Bruce Westerman (R)	_	_	+	_	-	_	_	_	_	+	-	18%	7. Ed Perlmutter (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	-	+	90%*
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5. Mike Thompson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	91%	5. Elizabeth Esty (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+	91%
6. Doris Matsui (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	DELAWARE	-	-		_		÷		-	÷	-	_	2.70
7. Ami Bera (D)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	55%	1. John Carney (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	_	_	73%
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11. Mark DeSaulnier (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	91%	2. Gwen Graham (D)	_	+	+	_	+	+	_	+	_	÷	+	64%
12. Nancy Pelosi (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	3. Ted Yoho (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	_	+	-	18%
3. Barbara Lee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	4. Ander Crenshaw (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	36%
14. Jackie Speier (D)	+	+	+	+	+	0	+	+	+	-	+	90%*	5. Corrine Brown (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%
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18. Anna Eshoo (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	9. Alan Grayson (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%
19. Zoe Lofgren (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	82%	10. Daniel Webster (R)	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	27%
20. Sam Farr (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	82%	11. Rich Nugent (R)	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	36%
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25. Steve Knight (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27%	16. Vern Buchanan (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	36%
26. Julia Brownley (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	82%	17. Tom Rooney (R)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	27%
27. Judy Chu (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	91%	18. Patrick Murphy (D)	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	_	+	+	73%
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32. Grace Napolitano (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	91%	23. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D)	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	82%
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HAWAII 1. Mark Takai (D) 2. Tulsi Gabbard (D)	+	+	+	+	++	+	-	++	o -	++	++	90%*	MAINE 1. Chellie Pingree (D) 2. Bruce Poliquin (R) + - + - + + + + + + + + + + + + +
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Bridging Divides

Despite a tumultuous year of politicking on Capitol Hill, we saw several additional instances where Congress worked across the aisle to tackle important social issues.

Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015 (H.R. 1191)

NETWORK applauds this compromise bill, which ensures that Iran's nuclear activities will not constitute an unreasonable defense and security risk, and ensures that Iran's permitted nuclear activities won't be used to further any nuclear-related military or nuclear explosive purpose including any related research.

Passed Senate 98–1 (1 not voting), May 7, 2015, Vote #174 Passed House 400–25 (7 not voting), May 14, 2015, Vote # 226 Became Law May 22, 2015

Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015 (S. 178)

NETWORK applauds Congress for working together to pass this act, which aims to end sex trafficking crimes and provides funding for victims of trafficking.

Passed Senate 99-0 (1 not voting), April 22, 2015, Vote #163 Passed House 420–3 (9 not voting), May 19, 2015, Vote #244 Became law May 29, 2015

Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act (H.R. 1557)

NETWORK applauds the House of Representatives for coming together to pass this act, which would expand disclosure and create accountability regarding acts of discrimination.

Passed House 403–0 (30 not voting), July 21, 2015, Vote #448

Homes for Heroes Act of 2015 (H.R. 251)

NETWORK applauds the House of Representatives for working together to create a plan to end veteran homelessness.

Passed House 412–1 (20 not voting), July 14, 2015, Vote #435

Portman Amendment No. 349 to S.Con.Res 11

NETWORK applauds the Senate for agreeing to an amendment which would establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to lower the costs of raising medically complex children in Medicaid.

Agreed to by Senate 96–0 (4 not voting), March 24, 2015, Vote #80



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An Open Letter to Our Members from the NETWORK and NETWORK Education Boards of Directors

January, 2016

Dear Members,

Marge Piercy in her poem "To Be of Use" acclaims her favorite kind of people:

I love people who harness themselves, an ox to a heavy cart, who pull like water buffalo, with massive patience, who strain in the mud and the muck to move things forward, who do what has to be done, again and again.

Most of us, perhaps, would hope for comparisons to animals more majestic or elegant than oxen or water buffalo. Fortunately, since its beginnings in 1971, NETWORK has been blessed with Board members who are dedicated to moving things forward and to doing what has to be done again and again. The current boards of our organizations—the 501(c)(3) NETWORK Education Program and the 501(c)(4) NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby—build on that tradition of imagination, commitment, and creativity.

One of the strengths of NETWORK has been its ability to respond nimbly to changing and sometimes challenging circumstances in the world and in the church. We continue as a Board our ongoing process of adapting our structures and procedures in ways that make our organizations more faithful to our mission and more able to achieve it. We have recently completed a major revision of our bylaws to more accurately reflect our current reality. We have a number of board committees that meet monthly by conference call in order to tend the implementation of the directions we set at our biannual face to face meetings.

We have also recently established a system for an orderly cycling of members on and off the boards to ensure that we maintain the right balance between experience and new energy and perspective. Toward the end of 2016 we will begin again the discernment process for new members for our boards. You might want to begin reflecting whether you or someone you know might be sensing a call to serve on one of our boards.

Truly the work of advocating for a more just, peaceful and verdant world requires the "massive patience" that Piercy mentions. Let's continue to support and pray for one another as NETWORK and NETWORK Education Program work, "to move things forward...to do what has to be done, again and again."

Patricia Mejia, Board Chair, NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Dean Manternach, Board Chair, NETWORK Education Program