Working for the advancement of women in government

Legislative Program

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FEW has developed a strong Legislative Program at the National, Regional, and Chapter levels by:

- Focusing on issues that affect federal employees, particularly federally employed women
- Actively participating in the Legislative process
- Issuing action alerts on issues and bills identified in the Legislative Agenda
FEW’s National Board of Directors adopts a National Legislative Agenda that coincides with each two-year Congressional session.

FEW’s Legislative Agenda is the guiding force behind the organization’s public policy activities, and it is divided into a three tier structure.
TIER I

Issues considered of utmost importance to female federal workers, including workforce downsizing, equal employment opportunity, family care, retirement, and issues affecting women in the military.

- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Affirmative Employment
- Full Constitutional Rights for Women
  - Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
- Effective/Efficient Government Reform
- Family Member Care
- Retirement/Pension
- Privatization/Outsourcing
- Employment Benefits
- Glass Ceiling Issues
TIER II

Issues that impact on all federal employees, regardless of gender and include compensation, employee benefits, Hatch Act reform, the National Performance Review, safety and health.

- Safety and Health
- Workplace Violence
Those issues that affect all women. FEW is bound in sisterhood with other women in all walks of life and, therefore, is interested in those issues that impact all women as a class. FEW joins forces with other organizations to impact legislation and keep its members informed on these issues.

- Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Economic Empowerment
- Health Care
Use FEW’s advocacy online tool to:

- Write a letter to:
  - Federal, state and local officials
  - Federal and state candidates
  - Federal agencies
- Make a call to Federal, state and local officials
- Register to vote
- Sign a petition
- Post to an official’s Facebook page
  https://cqrcengage.com/few/home
- Communicate with elected officials
  (do not use work computers)
- Tweet at an elected official
- Share your story
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