



Welcome to the Women Legislators' Lobby's (WiLL) December 2012 e-newsletter! We value your input as we share updates and breaking news on WiLL events and member activities.

WiLL on the Hill

Women state legislators from across the country headed to Washington DC to meet with their U.S. Representatives and Senators about budget priorities and the fiscal showdown. WiLL members have participated in more than a dozen meetings since mid-November to address the fiscal showdown and highlight important state programs that would be underfunded if the Pentagon were to be exempted from cuts.



State Rep. Karen Camper and U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN)



From L to R: State Rep. Joni Jenkins, U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), and State Rep. Mary Lou Marzian

WiLL members urged their U.S. Representatives and Senators to keep the Pentagon budget on the table when looking for cost savings. As state legislators, WiLL members spoke with authority about how their state's economic wellbeing would be threatened if states were forced to absorb the Pentagon's share of budget cuts. Read [more](#).

There is still time to speak up about this important issue! If you are interested in meeting with your Member of Congress to discuss the fiscal cliff, please contact Maureen Campbell (mcampbell@wand.org or 202-544-5055 ext. 2603). For more information, see [WAND's fact sheet on Pentagon spending](#).

WiLL Speaks Out

WiLL President **Sen. Nan Orrock** (GA) highlighted the need to protect investments in critical state programs as Congress wrestles with resolving fiscal issues. Read her op-ed [here](#).

WiLL State Director **Sen-elect Nancy Todd** (CO) joined retired Colonel William Hauser at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. They spoke with a group of students about sensible ways to reduce Pentagon spending. As outgoing Chair of the Colorado House Committee on Veteran Affairs, Todd is a leader on addressing the needs of

military families.

WAND/WiLL Webinars

On January 31 at 3pm EST, we will hear from the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) on the aftermath of the post-election “fiscal cliff” battle as well as other emerging 2013 budget concerns in Congress. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting presentation!

In our December webinar, nationally renowned pollster Celinda Lake shared her latest assessment of current public opinion and messages that can help shape the federal budget debate. [Click here to review a recording of the webinar.](#)

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Upcoming Events

Save the Date! 2013 WiLL Conference | Sept. 29-Oct. 1 | Washington, DC

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