



Washington Day

May 4-6, 2015

Position papers

- *Most time sensitive*
 - ✓ NPDES
 - ✓ ELC Grant
- *New educational issues*
 - ✓ Pollinators
 - ✓ Drones
- *Issues of specific interest*
 - ✓ Federal lands
 - ✓ Endangered species

Points to consider

- Need to protect public health
- Mosquito control protects public health



Lobbying

- Things to remember -
 - Scheduling meetings is a pain in the “you know where” (thanks a bunch Elmer)
 - The only thing worse than the same old topics are too many new topics
 - The memory of politicians is short and fickle
 - Sad to say, the names might have been different, but the attitudes were the same
- Washington is still hilly



Lobbying

Last year there was a lot more verbal acceptance of responsibility and understanding of the issues presented. After at least 5 years of presenting the same info I would hope so, but it is government...

This year...there was interest in pollinators, which was not really helpful. However, our “could have been CHIK” story garnered some attention.

All we can do is keep trying.



Whose Aides did we talk to about the issues?

Appointment Schedule - May 5, 2015

10:00 am	Sen Johnny Isakson, meet with Mr. Brett Layson	131 Russell Senate Bld
11:00 am	Rep Lynn Westmoreland, meet with Mr. Pete Sanborn	2202 Rayburn HOB
11:30 am	Rep Austin Scott, meet with Ms. Mary Dee Beal	2417 Rayburn HOB
12:00 am	Rep Doug Collins, meet with Ms. Sally Rose Larson	1504 Longworth HOB
12:30 pm	Rep Jody Hice, meet with Mr. Tim Reitz	1516 Longworth HOB
1:30 pm	Rep Buddy Carter, meet with Mr. Chase Cannon	2202 Rayburn HOB
2:30 pm	Rep Rick Allen, meet with Mr. Cameron Bishop	513 Cannon HOB
3:00 pm	Rep Barry Loudermilk, meet with Mr. Colin Carr	238 Cannon HOB
3:30 pm	Rep John Lewis, meet with Mr. Thomas Dorney	343 Cannon HOB
4:00 pm	Sen David Perdue, meet with Ms. Lindsey Maxwell	B40D Dirksen Senate Bld

I dropped literature off for Rep Bishop, Johnson, Price, and David Scott.

Whose Aides did we talk to about the issues?

Appointment Schedule - May 6, 2015

10:00 am Rep Rob Woodall, meet with Valentina Valenta

1724 Longworth HOB

10:30 am Rep Tom Graves, meet with Alicia Stafford

2442 Rayburn HOB



Did we accomplish anything?

NPDES Legislation

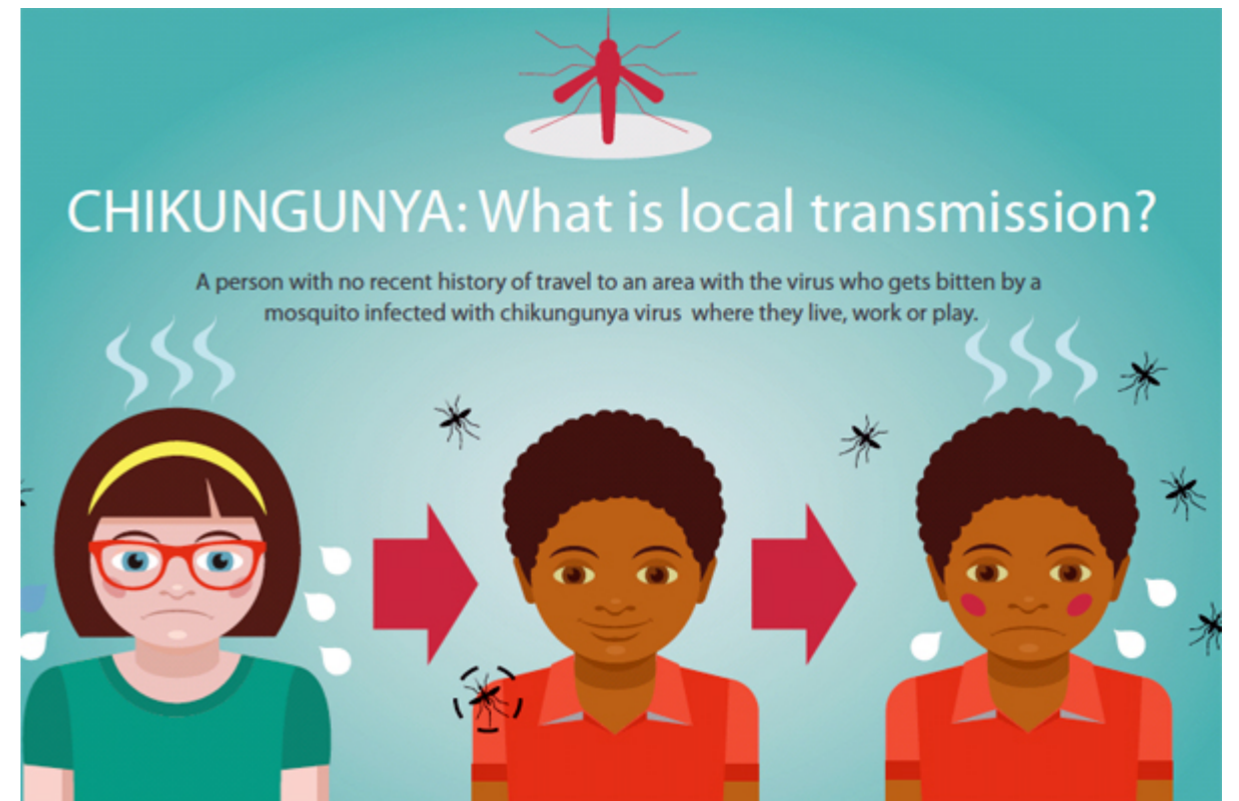
- The House has been willing to pass this
 - ✓ Several Senators who no longer have power have blocked it
 - ✓ Some issues with politicians understanding FIFRA
- EPA states that this has no benefit
 - ✓ Tremendous cost
 - ✓ No benefit
- Tried to pass this as a stand-alone and as part of the Farm Bill
- Maybe this year?



Did we accomplish anything?

ELC Grant

- Reduced from \$34.7 million to 9.2 million
- Nearly 85% of state-level VBD personnel are supported by ELC funding
- 88% of State Health Departments say that the funding is inadequate
- How is the money used
 - Manage nation-wide electronic surveillance system
 - Help states carry out mosquito control efforts
 - Provide information
- “New” diseases are coming (CHIK, DEN, Zika)



Follow-up



Sent follow up letters to both those we met with (1) and those where we just dropped off literature (2).

- 1: "Thank you for meeting with me concerning mosquito control issues. We appreciate the support received from your office in the past and hope for continued support. Please let me know if I can ever provide any information concerning mosquito control or vectorborne disease issues in Georgia. I am currently collecting additional information about the ELC appropriations. Once I get this information, I will be sending it on to you. Thank you again."
- 2: " I am sorry we were unable to meet concerning mosquito control issues, but hope you have received the packet of information I left for you to look over. We appreciate the support received from your office in the past and hope for continued support. Please let me know if I can ever provide any information concerning mosquito control or vectorborne disease issues in Georgia. I am currently collecting additional information about the ELC appropriations. Once I get this information, I will be sending it on to you."

Follow-up



Some of you asked me about the ELC Appropriations Bill and I had no answer for you so offered to look into the issue and send information. Here is that information:

The ELC funding will be part of a large line item for CDC funding in the Labor, Health & Human Services bill. It should move to markup in a month or so. Ultimately it should be filed with the Rules Committee, either separately or as part of a larger request.

I got this information from Kam Quarles, Director of Legislative Affairs at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, who work with the AMCA on Legislative issue. His email address is kquarles@mwe.com. He has offered to provide additional information if you need it.

Thank you.

Thanks!

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