



# AMCA Washington Conference Update



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## *Key Issues in 2023*

1. The United States' reactionary response to public health concerns. Building upon the Department of Health and Human Services' **National Public Health Framework for the Prevention and Control of Vector-Borne Diseases in Humans**.

2. The **Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act** (H.R. 345) enjoyed broad bipartisan support and will provide grants for local mosquito control programs in FY 2024 if appropriations are made by Congress. Our efforts last year resulted in additional funding for the CDC's Division of Vector-Borne Diseases. Our goal is to increase that funding and make it continuous.

**3. 2023 Farm Bill** builds upon the FIFRA Interagency Working Group to provide recommendations and develop a strategy for improving the pesticide consultation process under Section 7 of the **Endangered Species Act** (ESA) to realistically assess the potential impacts of mosquito control operations on listed species.

**4. Supporting resources for the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs** to make sound, timely regulatory decisions for vector control tools. FIFRA and the pesticide registration process have come into question with the introduction of S.3283, the Protect America's Children from Toxic Pesticides Act. EPA must have the resources to thoroughly review all current pesticides and support their regulatory decisions while simultaneously analyzing and registering novel tools for mosquito control.

## Travel Stipend Awards

The AMCA benefits most when a diverse representation of AMCA members attend the Annual Washington (D.C.) Conference.

Each year, the AMCA & Central Life Sciences fund stipends that are used to encourage the attendance of AMCA members who have never participated in this event before and to ensure we cover as many states as possible when we buzz the Hill each May.

You must be an AMCA member in good standing to receive an award.

Additionally, priority is given to applications who:

- Represent a state or congressional district not frequently represented.
- Represent a portion of the industry not frequently represented
- First-time attendees

Keep an eye out for the 2024 Travel Stipends in early 2024.

- 9:30 am, Senator Ossoff's office, Hart Senate Building, Suite 303, meeting with Nathan Dadap
- 10:00 am, Senator Warnock's office, Russell Senate Office Building, Suite 416, meeting with Elisabeth Deeb
  
- 1:30 pm, Representative David Scott's office, 468 Cannon House Office Building, meeting with Ruby Zimmerman
- 2:15 pm, Representative Buddy Carter's office, 2432 Rayburn House Office Building, meeting with Jack Ganter
- 3:00 pm, Representative Sanford Bishop's office, 2407 Rayburn House Office Building, meeting Tynesha Boomer
- 4:00 pm, Representative Andrew Clyde's office, 445 Cannon House Office Building, meeting with Chase Starr