



CASE STUDY

Creation of an Executive Committee Task Force at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to Address Sustainability Issues

Challenge:

Raise awareness among state legislators, legislative staff and other state policymakers about land compatibility and sustainability issues and conservation strategies regarding certain federal facilities and the communities neighboring these facilities.

Stateside Solution:

- We worked closely with NCSL legislative leadership to create an Executive Committee Task Force to raise awareness among NCSL members and other state policymakers about these problems.
- We worked closely with Task Force members and its federal client to develop positions on sustainability issues (on behalf of NCSL).
- We identified successful model programs and model legislation for use by the states.
- We helped to design military facility and range tours for Task Force members and local community leaders.

Results:

The inaugural meeting in Texas was attended by more than 40 legislators from around the country. The work with the Task Force has helped improve working relationships with state legislators and increase awareness about federal facility sustainability challenges caused by both the federal facilities and by growing urban encroachment around these facilities. The work is ongoing.