

NCL: All women should have the right to make their own reproductive choices

The National Consumers League, since our founding in 1899, has championed the rights of all women to be free to make their own reproductive choices – from whether or when to get pregnant and whether to end their pregnancy to protections for pregnant women in the workplace, where there continues to be much discrimination.

As the political landscape affecting women and their reproductive rights evolves, NCL strongly supports access to reproductive health care for all women and their decision to make the right choices for themselves.

However, when the Supreme Court handed down its ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade* on June 24 – almost 50 years since the landmark 1973 decision protected a woman's Constitutional right to access a safe abortion – the world went into a tailspin. NCL quickly issued a statement denouncing the court's radical decision.

"Many women will suffer unnecessarily,"



stated Sally Greenberg, Executive Director of NCL.

This ruling not only overturned the longstanding Constitutional right to seek an abortion, but also eliminated federal standards on abortion access that had previously been established by earlier Court decisions. The Supreme Court has made this – and presumably other rights based on privacy like marriage equality and contraception – a matter that could be left up to the states. Twenty-six states are likely to ban abortion, according to Guttmacher Institute, a research and policy organization committed to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide.

NCL believes that women's reproductive rights are fundamental to their freedom and autonomy, and that the state has no interest in matters that are so deeply private and individual. We will continue to advocate for federal, state, and local protections for women across the country.

NCL also believes that we must strengthen protections for pregnant workers who risk losing their jobs or being asked to do dangerous work. Pregnant women need support and post-partum accommodations to stay healthy. In a statement issued on

June 21, NCL called for the enactment of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. H.R. 1065 was introduced by New York Representative Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) to address workplace discrimination and calls for employers to provide reasonable accommodations to workers affected by medical conditions relating to pregnancy and childbirth.

Studies show that women of color are more likely to work in physically demanding jobs, which also places the baby at increased risk for preterm birth, low-birth weight, preeclampsia, birth defects, and more. While these health problems can be severe, long-term, and even deadly, studies illustrate how low-cost and basic accommodations for pregnant and postpartum workers can significantly reduce their risk. These include providing access to a chair to decrease time spent standing, and basic accommodations for breastfeeding parents, such as a private space and additional break time to pump.

H.R. 1065 will not only reduce health-related risks, but also improve workers' economic security by safeguarding their jobs, income, health insurance, and their baby's health. By directly targeting discriminatory employment practices, H.R. 1065 represents a step in addressing both sexism and racism in the workplace.

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Our work in 2022

Dear Readers,

More than half of 2022 is behind us. To say this year has been a whirlwind is an understatement. We have accomplished a lot these past eight months, and we have much more exciting work ahead of us.

In April, our annual National LifeSmarts Championship returned to being an in-person event, which generated much excitement and enthusiasm among student competitors. Check out pages 6-7 to see the winning team and all the great photos of this year's competition in Washington, D.C.

NCL appeared on the *Today Show* in July to discuss robo scammer texts and an op-ed on the need to end the tipped – and much lower – wage for servers and other tipped employees got published in *amNY*. We have partnered with One Fair Wage, a national organization dedicated to raising tipped employees nationwide to the full minimum wage. We believe this campaign is good for consumers and good for workers. You can find my op-ed at <https://www.amny.com/opinion/its-time-to-pay-new-york-city-restaurant-workers-a-fair-wage/>.

NCL has been working to get legislative language that will require all alcoholic beverages have full nutritional labeling. We are making real progress in the Congressional Appropriations Committees with this campaign. Wish us luck!

NCL staff has testified before Congressional and Federal bodies. In April, John Breyault, NCL Vice President of Fraud Policy and Telecommunications, spoke at a Federal



Trade Commission listening session on the continuing negative impacts of the 2010 Live Nation – Ticketmaster merger. Two months later we were gratified to learn New York had adopted a bill targeting unfair, anti-consumer ticketing practices and increasing transparency for consumers about ticketing fees and costs. In June, Jeanette Contreras testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights on how consolidation in the marketplace harms consumers. This was prompted by the infant formula shortage that caused foodborne illnesses and as many as nine deaths to infants in this country. NCL's Health Policy Associate Milena Berhane provided testimony to the Center for Disease Control and Preventions Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices in support of new pneumococcal vaccine recommendations for adults 65 years of age and older.

We are busy planning for this year's

Trumpeter on October 6. Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and Dr. Francis Collins, Science Advisor to President Biden and Former Director of National Institutes of Health, will receive the Trumpeter Award. Dr. Collins has provided years of service for his inspirational work on the human genome project and the discovery of disease genes. The Florence Kelley Award will go to Washington, D.C. Ward 3 Council Member Mary Cheh, who has not only been a steadfast and strong partner to NCL but has helped pass many consumer protection laws in the District.

Needless to say, our work has kept us busy this summer, but we would not have it any other way!

Sally Greenberg



Victory for live event fans in New York

If you have purchased tickets to a concert, sporting event, or Broadway show in recent weeks, chances are that you have been hit with add-on fees that can increase the price of a ticket by 50 percent or more.

For years, this has been one of the biggest pain points for ticket buyers. A 2018 Government Accountability Office report found that on average, consumers paid an extra 27 percent of the ticket's original cost in fees. Media reporting has found instances where hidden fees were 78 percent of the fare's starting price.

In a victory for consumers, live event fans in New York state will no longer see one price for tickets only to see fee after fee added on to the price as they go through the purchasing process.

On June 30, thanks to years of work by NCL and other organizations, Governor Kathy Hochul signed Senate Bill S9461 into law. The bill requires so-called "all-

in pricing" of live event tickets, meaning that the price a ticket is listed at must be the price the buyer pays at the end of the process. The bill also requires ticket brokers to disclose how much was originally paid for a ticket when they resell it; prohibits the resale of tickets that were originally offered for free; and bans "print-at-home" fees.

"Ticketing companies have long known that all-in pricing was a better solution for consumers, but they hesitated to provide it for fear of losing market share to competitors who hid their fees," said VP of Public Policy, Telecommunications and Fraud, John Breyault. "That is the definition of market failure, which the New York bill fixes. We will continue to work with pro-consumer legislators in other states and the U.S. Congress to follow New York's example and enact similar legislation."

Starting in 2009 with our opposition to the Ticketmaster-Live Nation merger,

NCL has worked to promote fairness and competition in the marketplace for live event tickets. In addition to our work in New York, NCL successfully lobbied Congress in 2016 to pass the Better Online Ticket Sales (BOTS) Act of 2016, which outlawed the use of ticket-buying "bot" software by ticket brokers and the sale or purchase of tickets obtained by bots. Today, we are lobbying Congress to support the Better Oversight of Secondary Sales and Accountability in Concert Ticketing (BOSS ACT), legislation that would increase transparency of pre-sale ticket holdbacks, mandate all-in pricing of tickets, and prohibit connected insiders from diverting tickets to the resale marketplace.

"Buying tickets shouldn't be a rip-off or an exercise in frustration for fans," said Breyault. "Our victory in New York is another step in the long road to reforming a sadly unfair live event industry."

HAC

The annual Health Advisory Council (HAC) meeting was held on June 10 at the Ronald Reagan Building in downtown D.C. The meeting featured an update on NCL's health policy work and a panel discussion on the potential for telehealth to improve equity in women's health care. Moderated by Health Policy Director Jeanette Contreras, the panel featured speakers Latoya Thomas from Included Health, Sarah Johaneck from 2020 Mom, and Stephanie Swartz from Favor.



NCL health policy briefs

The PBM problem

Consumers are experiencing high out-of-pocket costs at the pharmacy counter – often for lifesaving medications – and too often don't understand why. This unfair disadvantage is often because of middlemen companies called Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs). PBMs were intended to work as third-party administrators of prescription drug programs and work on behalf of employers, health plans, labor unions, and states to negotiate discounts from drug manufacturers. Instead, PBMs are pocketing discounts that should be going toward lowering consumers' out-of-pocket costs. In June, the FTC opened an investigation into PBM practices to scrutinize the impact of vertically integrated pharmacy benefit managers in access and affordability of prescription drugs.

Prescription drug costs and adult immunizations

Amid high inflation, consumers have struggled to afford their prescription drugs. NCL called on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to address the unaffordable out-of-pocket (OOP) costs in the Medicare Part D program. And we finally won this battle! A huge victory for patients, the Inflation Reduction Act's (H.R. 5376) passage means no copays or out-of-pocket expenses for recommended adult vaccinations under Medicare Part D. Also, Medicaid, and CHIP will increase access to adult vaccines by improving federal reimbursement for providers that immunize those patients. Crucial immunizations include shingles and tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis, or Tdap



vaccines, along with future vaccinations.

Script Your Future medication adherence team challenge

For eleven years, Script Your Future teams have conducted community outreach, educating patients on the importance of taking their medications as directed by their providers. The 2022 Team Challenge incorporated the previously included health topics of medication adherence and vaccine confidence, as well as a new topic – Safe Drug Disposal. NCL collaborated with Deterra, maker of safe and effective at home drug disposal systems, to send to this year's participating teams to educate their communities about the importance of disposing of drugs safely and effectively.

This year's top Team Challenge National

Awards, announced in May, went to Wilkes University Nesbitt School of Pharmacy and Temple University's School of Pharmacy. Congratulations! The team event took place during this year's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) Annual Meeting in July.

The need for marketplace competition

NCL advocates for increased competition and fair prices for various consumer goods and services. An increased need for competition in various marketplaces was displayed in the recent infant formula crisis. Consolidated markets drive up prices of health services, prescription drugs, and other health-related goods, and in this extreme situation, even caused a harmful shortage of infant formula.

LifeSmarts

LifeSmarts helps educate consumer savvy teens who become well equipped for adult life in today's complex, global marketplace

LifeSmarts, NCL's flagship personal finance and consumer education program for teens, held its 28th national championship in the Washington, D.C. area this past April. (The 2020 and 2021 championships were held virtually due to the pandemic.) Thirty-eight high school teams from 31 states competed in the 2022 event.

Students pressed buzzers, formed new friendships, and teams emerged as winners, all of which made up the indelible memories from the LifeSmarts experience. Students experienced the excitement of competing in-person throughout the four-day National LifeSmarts Championship. The intense competition culminated in the team from Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg, PA being crowned the 2022 National LifeSmarts Champions.

LifeSmarts' goal is to give young people the tools and confidence to succeed as consumers, workers, and citizens. Honing critical thinking skills, demonstrating teamwork, and showcasing consumer knowledge are on display throughout competition.

LifeSmarts teaches students about real-world issues: personal finance, consumer rights, health and safety, technology and workforce preparation, and the environment. In follow-up surveys, students said they learned a lot about college preparation, online safety, climate change, taxes, and career readiness, and that these issues were crucial to their future success.

The National LifeSmarts Championship is the exciting conclusion of the year-long LifeSmarts program that begins in the fall, with teams registering and taking quizzes online at LifeSmarts.org. Teams advance to the state level, and state champions and successful wild card applicants are invited to compete at the national level.

This year's features included:

- A TikTok contest in which teens created 30-second medicine safety messages
- Individual assessments, where students showcased their knowledge in a specific LifeSmarts topic
- The Sister Team activity, pairing groups to collaborate for points
- Speed Smarts, where teams meet 10 expert judges in an hour, and do fast-paced learning activities on 10 different subjects
- Three buzzer matches, where teams compete head-to-head to score points in pool play

At the conclusion of these events, the 16 top-scoring teams advanced to a knock-out bracket, and the top four teams competed on the final day. All winners at the National LifeSmarts Championship received prizes donated by sponsors, including scholarships, and gift cards.

The National Consumers League congratulates the 2022 winning teams and individuals!

What did I like best? The thrill of competing with my team and meeting other teams outside of competition.” - Student

National LifeSmarts Championship

- First Place: Cumberland Valley High School, Pennsylvania
- Second Place: Montgomery High School, New Jersey
- Third Place (two teams): Minidoka County 4-H Teen Association, Idaho; and Oconto High School, Wisconsin

Individual Assessments

- Environment: Catherine Feng, New Jersey
- Personal Finance: Lucas Carver, Pennsylvania
- Health and Safety: Julissa Freeman, Alabama
- Consumer Rights and Responsibilities: Kyle Kintz, Pennsylvania
- Technology and Workforce Preparation: Grace Ren, New Jersey

Special Awards

- LifeSmarts Students of the Year: Clayton Adams, Georgia; and Melissa Fraga, Florida
- LifeSmarts Coaches of the Year: Greg Henning, Pennsylvania; and Linda Huebner, Texas
- LifeSmarts State Coordinators of the Year: Cherry Dale and Kim Edmonds, Virginia
- The Spirit of LifeSmarts Team Award, in honor of the late North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem: Sunrise Christian Academy, Kansas



Sponsored Events

Johnson & Johnson Over-the-Counter Medicine Safety Mentor scholarships, awarded to students who excelled in delivering medicine safety messages in their communities:

- Alyssa Goldman, Georgia
- Angie Jacobo, Illinois
- Alexis Johnson, Wyoming
- Abigail Olstrup, Texas
- Wheaten Smith, Arizona

Scholarships awarded to recognize compelling essays about the impact of identity theft on youth, sponsored by NortonLifeLock:

- Sara Abernathy, Georgia
- Julissa Freeman, Alabama
- Suzette Mejia, Wyoming
- Alison Sporleder, Missouri
- Tommy Wild, North Carolina

Ten students were awarded cash prizes for their winning entries in the UL-sponsored Be Safe Buy Real Digital Poster contest.



The world gathers to work toward reversing rising child labor numbers

In May, “The 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour” took place in Durban, South Africa against the backdrop of an alarming rise in child labor after two decades of steady and significant declines. The global conference, which typically comes about every four years, brought together an estimated 1,000 delegates from foreign governments and a small number of NGOs. Reid Maki, NCL’s Director of Child Labor Advocacy, was one of only a handful of U.S. advocates attending in person. He represented the Child Labor Coalition (CLC), which NCL founded and co-chairs.

As the conference opened, Guy Ryder, the Director General of the International Labour Organization, suggested that the recent rise in 8 million child laborers from 152 million to 160 million likely represented complacency and a loss of focus by global governments. He noted significant increases in children under age 11 working. “We need to increase our efforts, and pay particular attention to child labor in agriculture,” said Ryder, who added that we are threatened by a “perfect storm” created by COVID’s enduring impact, rising food insecurity, and debt crises that are expected to affect 60 nations in the coming years. Sadly, the pandemic threw 1.6 billion children out of school, often for prolonged periods and some of those children entered work



and may never resume their education.

The six-day conference, attended by 1,000 delegates in person and an estimated 7,000 online, featured workshops and two dozen side events on topics ranging from youth-led activism to small-scale mining. As the conference opened, European Union (EU) Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen told attendees that the EU will create a new \$10 million Euro initiative to reduce child labor in agriculture.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kailash Satyarthi talked about the particular challenge faced by sub-Saharan Africa, which has the highest rates of child labor – one in five children. Satyarthi told attendees that the amount needed to ensure all children have access to required resources globally is only \$53 billion – not much considering the wealth of many nations. Malawi’s Education Minister Agnes Nyalongje reported that her country only has schools for half the nation’s children.

The conference’s concluding “Call to Action” document includes

commitments to end child labour in agriculture; strengthen the prevention and elimination of child labour, including its worst forms; realize children’s right to education; achieve universal access to social protection; increase financing and international cooperation for the elimination of child labour and forced labour.

Tara Banjara, 17, who appeared as a panelist, spoke from a community in India where there are no schools and “no one had an idea about what education is.” She was four and half when she went to work on roads with her mother. They cleaned garbage and rubble out of potholes. The work was exhausting and difficult and went on until she was rescued by advocates. Today, Tara is the first girl to complete grade 12 exams in her family. “We want freedom. We want the right to education,” Tara said, sharing her dream of becoming a police officer and doing grassroots work to ensure that all children have equal rights and freedom.

The Child Labor Coalition pursues protections for child farmworkers

The CLC's domestic priority remains protecting child farmworkers who have been vulnerable since the enactment of the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938, which exempted agricultural workers from child labor protections. The result has been that large numbers of children begin working legally in the fields at age 12, and often younger children are found there as well. They are allowed to work unlimited hours on farms if they do not miss school. Many farmworker youth work 70 to 80-hours performing back-breaking labor each week when school is out in the summer. The CLC is pursuing three remedies.

First, we are working to pass a broad bill, the Children's Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety (CARE),

which would raise the minimum age of farm work from 12 to at least 14 and sometimes higher, depending on the task. CARE, introduced by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), would also raise the age of hazardous work on farms from 16 to 18, the age for hazardous work of every other occupational sector.

Second, we are supporting legislation to ban child labor on tobacco farms introduced by Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI). Child tobacco workers often become ill from "Green Tobacco Sickness" which is essentially nicotine poisoning. In the U.S., you must be 21 to buy cigarettes but U.S. law allows a 12-year-old to harvest tobacco. Despite the oppressive heat, many teens work in black plastic garbage bags to try to reduce nicotine contact.

Third, the CLC is working closely with Human Rights Watch and the congressional offices of Roybal-Allard and Rep. Cicilline to press the U.S. Department of Labor to improve agricultural safety regulations for children who work on farms. These protections have not been significantly updated in four decades despite the dangers of working in agriculture. Examples include labeling as "hazardous" work over six feet high (current rules allow children to work at 20 feet in the air) and banning child labor in tobacco.

These three initiatives are aimed at children who work for wages and not the sons and daughters of farmers working on their parents' farms. They would be exempt from the new rules.



Tackling the human obstacle to obesity care

In the United States, obesity has become a true public health crisis. Today, 42.4 percent of adult Americans – or 108 million people – have obesity. Obesity affects about 19.3 percent of this country's young people, which translates into about 14.4 million children and adolescents.

However, the impact is greater than these statistics. More than 230 medical conditions – from type 2 diabetes to some forms of cancer – are linked to overweight and obesity. Thus, obesity today is responsible for an estimated 300,000 deaths a year and accounts for \$1.72 trillion a year in costs to the US economy.

The disease remains undiagnosed and undertreated, even with significant advances in treatment. In fact, only 10 percent of people with obesity get help from medical professionals and about 2 percent of those eligible for anti-obesity medications have been prescribed these drugs.

Why? To answer this question, NCL and the Obesity Care Advocacy Network (OCAN) cohosted an expert panel meeting in December 2021 where leading obesity specialists assessed the state of the science, the scope and the cost of obesity and the major barriers impeding quality care. The experts then reached consensus that the following “human obstacles” are responsible for the nation's lack of progress on obesity:

Persistent public misperceptions about the cause and treatment of obesity

- Today, three-quarters of Americans believe obesity results from a lack of willpower and overestimate the effectiveness of diet and exercise alone for long-term weight loss.

Lack of knowledge among primary care providers about how to treat obesity

- Although the American Medical Association classifies obesity as a chronic disease requiring treatment, physicians often lack the training to treat the

condition. One study of 40 medical schools found that, on average, medical students received 10 hours of obesity education across a four-year curriculum.

Rampant weight and prejudice among health professionals due to people's size

- Studies find that 40 percent of healthcare professionals – physicians, nurses, dietitians, psychologists, and medical students – admit to having negative reactions based on a person's size.

Low trust in clinicians' advice

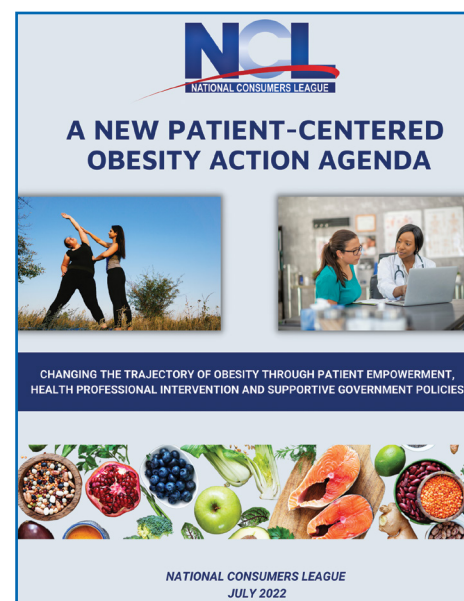
- Due to weight stigma, research shows that many people with obesity expect to receive different healthcare and are less likely to seek medical care, resulting in a series of poor health outcomes, including more advanced and poorly controlled chronic diseases and an increased vulnerability to depression, low self-esteem, and poor body image.

Access barriers that keep people with obesity from getting quality care

- There are wide disparities in public and private insurance coverage for obesity compared to other chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, all of which limit the ability of people to access the full contingent of treatment for obesity.

To overcome these “human obstacles,” on July 7, NCL issued a blueprint to change how Americans think about obesity, empower people with obesity to get the best care, and afford those with obesity the same access to care as adults with other serious chronic diseases. Entitled *A New Patient-Centered Obesity Action Agenda: Changing the Trajectory of Obesity Through Patient Empowerment, Health Professional Intervention and Supportive Government Policies*, the report identifies nine priorities for action:

1. **Redefine obesity for the public** as a treatable chronic condition.
2. **Adopt patient-first language for obesity**, which puts a person before a diagnosis.



3. **Combat weight stigma**, by disseminating information on strategies to health providers.
4. **Expand physician training in obesity**, with the investment needed for US medical schools to develop curricula on obesity.
5. **Establish excess weight as a vital sign**, giving practitioners a way to discuss excess weight during the office visit.
6. **Provide information tools to primary care providers** to have conversations with patients about their weight status and care options.
7. **Establish coverage of obesity as a standard benefit** across insurers and health plans.
8. **End outdated Medicare rules** that exclude coverage for anti-obesity medications and restrict access to Intensive Behavioral Therapy.
9. **Create a patients' Bill of Rights** that gives people with obesity the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be advocates for their best obesity care.

Achieving these goals requires a united front among all constituencies – policymakers, the public health community, minority health leaders, clinicians, patient advocates, and consumer organizations. This report is intended as a catalyst for this necessary and important collaborative effort.

NCL podcast *We Can Do This!* on a roll

Our *We Can Do This!* podcast has really taken off in 2022! To date, more than 1,550 episodes have been downloaded by listeners from all over the world including Japan, Poland, and France.

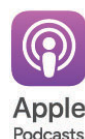
We began the year joined by a pioneering champion of reproductive rights, Karen Mulhauser. Mulhauser was NARAL's first executive director after the *Roe v Wade* decision in 1973. Interestingly, the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, the pre-Roe name of NARAL, became the National Abortion Rights Action League, the post-Roe name of this iconic organization. And today it is called NARAL Pro-Choice America.

With scamming at an all-time high, NCL wants all consumers to be protected. Our Vice President of Public Policy, Telecommunications and Fraud, John Breyault, sat down with Alyssa Betz, Director of Public Policy leading Amazon's Brand Protection and Customer Trust policy team, to discuss protecting consumers, specifically in the online marketplace. John and Alyssa covered a number of topics, such as fake reviews, counterfeit products, and

scams that have been on the rise this year. This session was also a reminder for consumers to report anything fraud-related to [fraud.org](https://www.fraud.org).

Our podcast also featured an episode that gives a behind-the-scenes look at medical supply chains. Consumers take for granted that our medications are available at the pharmacy whenever needed. Despite the disruptions of the pandemic, U.S. healthcare supply chains remained incredibly resilient, safe, and reliable. Dr. Nicolette Louissaint, from the Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA), joined Sally Greenberg for a dialogue about medical supply chains, health equity and access, patient consumer issues, and even predictions on the next pandemic.

Finally, we focused on the recent FDA ban on menthol cigarettes. In the latest *We Can Do This!*, Sally Greenberg talked with members of the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council, the country's leading public health education and advocacy organization taking on Big Tobacco to save Black lives. Dr. Phil Gardiner, Carol McGruder, and Charles Debnam break down their victory in suing the FDA and the subsequent settlement, leading to the agency's proposed ban on menthol cigarettes, how Big Tobacco has aggressively targeted African American communities with menthol cigarettes, and the goal of eliminating the number one culprit of preventable deaths for Black people in America.



Meet Eric Feigen, NCL summer 2022 intern



An excerpt of Eric Feigen's blog

Being a part of the Public Health Policy Team at NCL has categorically been the most rewarding and meaningful experience I have had so far in my professional career. I have helped prepare testimony for a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on the ongoing infant formula crisis, staffed events, and written public policy statements. More importantly, I have found invaluable mentors who trust me and my work and are eager to help me learn and succeed.

I have always believed that public policy is a potent mechanism for making positive and impactful changes in people's lives. NCL's work reflects my own values, making it an incredible organization for me to contribute to this summer.

Looking forward, I want to explore the full scope of public policy advocacy. I also want to develop a more holistic understanding of the industry and how seemingly distinct issues, such as stringent immigration policy and health inequities, can intersect.

From my time at NCL, I have learned that progress can appear in many forms. While usually associated with policy and regulatory changes, increasing awareness, disseminating knowledge, and building coalitions around key issues create a base for the implementation of positive change.

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2022 Trumpeter Awards Dinner

Every year, NCL celebrates individuals who have distinguished themselves through their actions on behalf of consumers. We are looking forward to celebrating our amazing honorees for this year's Trumpeter Awards and Florence Kelley Consumer Leadership Award.

TRUMPETER AWARDS



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