Attending Pursuing Justice 2020 is an investment in the movement for racial and economic justice in the United States. In addition, the training sessions, leadership, and networking opportunities at Pursuing Justice are resources that can benefit any professional and their organization. Here are some materials to share with your employer to support your request to attend this event.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I would like to attend Pursuing Justice 2020, the national conference of Bend the Arc.
It will be a three-day event for activists and organizers who root their work in Jewish values to learn, connect with one another, inform national priorities, and take action in the lead up to the 2020 election.

Pursuing Justice will be held May 3-5, 2020 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. It’s an event that happens only once every four years, and so I want to make sure we take advantage of this chance to expand our audience and network.

**Who attends Pursuing Justice?**
More than 1,000 people are expected to join this year’s convening, and all of them will share a commitment to intersectional racial and economic justice informed by the legacy of Jewish values and activism. Attendees approach this work from a variety of disciplines: some are academics, nonprofit professionals, philanthropists, public servants, community organizers, or individual activists working to mobilize their community.

**What I will get out of it:**

Pursuing Justice 2020 will have sessions and workshops designed to help all attendees understand the current political landscape, strategic opportunities in 2020 and beyond, a vision for a more progressive future, and how organizations like ours can connect our work to these larger goals.

Specifically, the conference will include:

* + **Expert analysis** of the current political landscape and how to approach the 2020 elections
	+ **Professional development** **sessions** to connect organizations’ work to movement priorities
	+ **Hands-on trainings in organizing, campaigning, and advocacy** from activists and leaders around the country
	+ And a chance to **experience the vision for this movement** from leaders working on the front lines of intersectional justice

In addition to the valuable learning that will help our work continue in the right direction, there will be opportunities to connect with others who can strengthen and support our work.

**How much does it cost to attend Pursuing Justice, and what does that include?**

This event will include three days of trainings, program sessions, networking opportunities, and facilitated meetings with members of Congress and their staff as well as all conference materials, breakfast and lunch over those three days. There are several attendance levels available. The Full/Organizational level at $475 is designed for professionals joining the event as a representative of an organization.

Discounted room rates will be available at a rate of $269/per night. Combined with the travel required to get to and from Washington DC, this is what I estimate the full cost will be:

Airfare: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hotel: $\_\_\_/per night for \_\_\_\_\_ nights = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Meals: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Conference registration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total expense request: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**More information**

You can find testimonials from the last Pursuing Justice conference as well as more information about what the conference will entail on their website at conference.bendthearc.us.

I know that issues of racial and economic justice are important to our work, and that this conference will help me better incorporate that approach into what I do every day.

Thank you for your consideration.