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# **Resources for Advocacy in Arizona**

Many people feel that politicians need more information on a particular policy or issue to make good decisions, but do not know how to make their voices heard.

The links below are to services found in the 2-1-1 Arizona database. Select a link and then add a location under Custom Search on the right.

## **RESOURCES TO FIND THE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT YOU:**

### Find Your Federal Representatives:

- <u>United States Congress</u>
- Office of the President of the United States

#### Find Your State Representatives:

• <u>State Legislature Offices</u>

#### Find Your County Representatives:

<u>County Board of Supervisors Offices</u>

#### Find Your Local Representatives:

<u>City/Town Council Offices</u>

#### Find Your Tribal Representatives (for registered Native Americans):

• <u>Tribal Council Offices</u>

After you identify your representatives, you can call their office, email, or write to them.

#### **REQUEST TO SPEAK IN COMMITTEE:**

You can also ask to speak to committees that are considering specific state legislative action. Go to <u>the Arizona Legislature website</u> to create an account and view the date, time, and location of the committee meeting, and sign up to share your opinion.

#### **GETTING YOUR THOUGHTS OUT THERE:**

Be organized, concise, and polite. It's also good to be informed about the issue that you care about.

#### **ADVOCACY WORKS:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on a person's disability. For example, if there are stairs to the entrance of the public library, there should also be a ramp so that someone in a wheelchair can get in. This law was passed because people like you made their voices heard. Read more <u>here</u>.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- The Campaign Workshop has some information about organizing your community around an important issue here: <u>Tools for Grassroots Organizers</u>.
- The <u>ACLU</u> provides information about the rights of individuals and about the work already in progress on public policy.

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