



ADVOCACY

Advocacy Clearinghouse and Toolkit

Advocating for public policies that support adult literacy

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Using Your Time Wisely

Current action alerts for adult education: <http://on.fb.me/CurrentAlerts>

Schedule your legislator for a program visit or District meeting while Congress is on break.

Senate: <http://1.usa.gov/SenateSchedule> House: <http://1.usa.gov/HouseSchedule>

Timeline	Budget / Appropriations Cycle	Advocacy	Who To Involve	Resources
February	President's Budget Proposal is released.	Letter writing campaign	Everyone	Letter campaign packet www.ncladvocacy.org/tkcontact_write.html Lessons/ sample letters http://bit.ly/LessonLetters
February - March	House and Senate hold hearings and pass their own budget	Dear Colleague letters supporting funding for AE.	District Contacts	Contact information for legislators http://www.capwiz.com/ncl/dbq/officials/
March - April	The House and Senate usually pass a budget resolution, requiring a majority vote to pass.	Good time to invite legislator to visit program when home on recess.	Staff and students	Meeting with Legislators in the District: http://bit.ly/CongressionalVists
April - July	House and Senate appropriations committees deliberate and set spending limits for each of their subcommittees. Within these limits, appropriations subcommittees draft spending bills.	Possible Advocacy Alert (call/fax/email)	Local Network (4-5 individuals/ local area)	Tips for calling / writing / faxing http://www.ncladvocacy.org/tkcontact.html
August	Recess			
September	House-Senate Conference Committee works out the differences.	Possible Advocacy Alert (call/fax/email)	Local Network (4-5 individuals/ local area)	Tips for calling / writing / faxing http://www.ncladvocacy.org/tkcontact.html
October 1	Fiscal year begins.			