



Being an Active Environmental Champion

Policy shapes our environment and our lives statewide and nationally. Below are actions you can do to help make a difference in your community and environment.

Advocacy Actions - Choose as many as you like!

Action	Benefit	Estimated Time	
Sign a petition on a trusted organization's website	Adding your name to a petition can be a quick, easy way to show how many people in a community care about an issue.	2-5 minutes	Lower
Submit a form letter through a trusted organization	A direct communication to your lawmakers keeps the issue on their mind. Sometimes you can customize them to add your unique voice.	5 minutes	
Email your legislator	Use your own words to communicate directly with your lawmakers. Unique and personal messages are more likely to have an impact and deliver successfully.	5-10 minutes	Impact
Call your legislator	Leaving a message or speaking to a lawmaker or their staff is a quick way to voice your concerns. Phone calls are typically more effective than letters.	2-10 minutes	
Attend a third house event	Meet with your legislators in your district; they come to you in a town hall-type event specifically to speak with their constituents.	1-1.5hr	
Meet with your legislator in a group	If you have several people who feel the same way about something, some legislators will meet with small groups to discuss. This shows commitment and interest from their community.	Varies; 30min-2hr	
Attend a statehouse day event	Meet with your legislators while supported by people who share your concerns. These events commonly help facilitate meetings as a feature.	Several hours; sometimes these events are all day	
Meet with your legislators 1:1	A one-on-one meeting allows you to have a more in-depth conversation to share your story and discuss the issue you care about.	1-2 hrs	Higher

How-To

More details on these actions:

Sign a petition from a trusted organization

Advocacy organizations will frequently have petitions to add your name to. If you subscribe to newsletters from your favorite advocacy orgs, you will be the first to know. Simply add your name and details to the petition and share with your friends, family, and network to get more signatures!

Submit a form letter through a trusted organization

Similar to petitions, advocacy organizations will commonly provide pre-written electronic letters you can send to your legislators about an important issue. Some allow customization which can have more impact with your legislators, because it shows how you are connected with the issue. For these, you only need to add your name and some details to the form.

Email your legislator

Independent of an organization, you can search for your legislator's contact information on their Caucus webpage (House/Senate Democrat or Republican) and email them directly with your own words or language suggested by an organization. Sometimes their emails are difficult to find, so you may need to either find and email their Legislative Assistant or send a message through their contact form on their Caucus page.

Call your legislator

Caucus pages also list a legislator's office phone number and/or their Legislative Assistant's number. You can use either of these to speak with them or leave a message. See "Email your legislator" above for details on finding this info.

Attend a third house event

Legislators will sometimes hold or attend "third house" or "cracker barrel" events in their district specifically to meet and speak with their constituents. These can be found compiled on organization websites like ICV's, or detailed on the hosting organization or legislator's website or social media. Sometimes these events have entry fees and/or food. Make sure to bring good questions!

Meet with your legislator in a group

If you have a small group (2-5 people) who would like to meet with their legislator about an issue you care about, one person can organize a virtual or in person meeting by emailing their district email, their legislative assistant's email, or by calling their office to request a meeting. Conversations with your legislator can be great educational tools - remember, you are the expert here!



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How-To (continued)

More details on these actions:

Attend a statehouse day event

Many organizations facilitate “statehouse day” advocacy or lobby events, where other organizations with similar goals come together for networking and help support members and concerned community members in meeting with their lawmakers about the day’s focus. Most of these events are narrowly focused on social, environmental, occupational, or other issues and many provide food and drinks. Sometimes transportation is provided as well.

Meet with your legislator 1:1

Similarly to meeting in a group, a one-on-one conversation with your legislator is the best tool to see where your legislator stands on an issue and to educate them on your topic. These are the most impactful. See “Meet with your legislator in a group” above for contact details.

Resources

Check out these links and shortcuts for all of these options:

*please note the IN Senate Republican site does not have contact info

**GOP = Republican

**How to: Find
Your Legislator**



**Find Your
Legislator**



**Third House
Meetings**



**ICV
Website**



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