

Advocating for Voting and Health: APHA Tools and Resources

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What voting and health priorities can I point to in my advocacy?

APHA's Voting and Health Priorities

- Support for the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#), which would protect against state-level voter suppression
- [Comments to HHS](#) urging inclusion of voting metrics in the development of the Healthy People 2030 framework
- Support for permanent reauthorization of special provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act ([policy statement](#))
- Upcoming policy statement on voting and health

What resources does APHA have to boost my own advocacy efforts?

You Can:

Schedule a Meeting

- 94% of congressional staff listed constituent meetings as a key influencer in their boss' decision-making process
- Many of you have public health expertise and you live all over the country – a perfect combination to become a public health advocate
- Meeting with your member can be quick, simple, and virtual – but very impactful for the member

[Find your elected official](#)

[Request a meeting](#)

You Can:

Attend a Town Hall

- Town halls and public forums are a great place to ask your elected officials questions how they plan to defend voting rights
- In addition to asking your elected officials about their commitment to promoting inclusive voting policies, you can refer to APHA's sample questions for public forums to ask questions on public health funding, climate change, etc.

[Click here to read the sample questions](#)

You Can:

Boost your Efforts with Fact Sheets

- You don't have to already be an expert to be an advocate
- APHA provides a range of different fact sheets that you can point to in your advocacy
- These fact sheets can be used for phone calls, shared with elected officials during meetings and more

[State fact sheets](#)

[Issue fact sheets](#)

You Can:

Hold your Members Accountable

- APHA's congressional vote record shows how each member of Congress voted on key public health votes that took place throughout the year
- A higher score = better record of voting in favor of pro-public health legislation
- Last year's record includes voting rights legislation as part of the score
- Use the vote record to congratulate members who have high scores, and encourage members with lower scores to do better on upcoming public health votes

[2021 Congressional Vote Record](#)

You Can:

Send a Message

- APHA's action alerts are an easy way to contact your members of Congress on priority health issues
- Action alert topics: health equity, climate change, gun violence, and more
- Customizing an action alert is recommended – use your experience and expertise

[Click here to fill out an action alert](#)

You Can:

Stay in the Loop

- APHA has several resources that you can use to stay up to date with our advocacy efforts, congressional developments and more
- APHA members receive a monthly Legislative Update with information about recent APHA advocacy on legislation, public health regulations, public health-related federal court cases and more
- Our website also contains a list of all the letters to Congress, comments to agencies, and court briefs that APHA has sent or joined

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