



POLICY & ADVOCACY

Preparing to meet with lawmakers



NAHN's Health Policy Summit is the biggest advocacy event of the year. Members from across the nation convene in Washington, DC to hear from NAHN Staff, leaders, and other experts on the most pressing health policy issues. On the final day of the conference, attendees join pre-scheduled meetings with members of Congress to share personal stories related to NAHN's Health Policy Summit talking points to help policy leaders understand the impact their legislative decisions have on Nursing, patient outcomes, and Latino communities. The Health Policy Committee plays a significant role in developing talking points (formal requests to Congress on behalf of NAHN) that are featured in NAHN's annual Health Policy Summit. When identifying talking points, they take into consideration legislation that NAHN has supported throughout the year and imminent issues that Congress is expected to address. They work to ensure that the talking points are focused on addressing issues specifically related to Latino Communities and nursing but also represents a wide range of NAHN's membership, touching on issues that resonate with everyone across all membership categories.

It is imperative that NAHN members continue conversations started on the national level in their home states. It is equally important that NAHN Chapter leaders take an active role in state policy & advocacy issues to advance the initiatives of NAHN, Nursing, and the Latino communities. Below are a few ideas to consider.

GET TO KNOW YOUR CONGRESSIONAL LEADER



General Search of congressional leader

- *What committees do they serve on or lead?*
- *What is their position on the issue?*
- *Military History*
- *Civil status & family background*
- *If going as a team, who will take the lead?*
- *Write out key speaking points.*
- *Create an information sheet to refer to and leave behind*

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Why does professional and personal backgrounds of Congressmembers Matter?



Knowing the professional and personal backgrounds of Congressmembers is an important aspect of public affairs. Knowing these details can help build relationships and allows you to stay aware of who is saying what.

Dialogue Tracking Tool ~<https://www.quorum.us/blog/social-media-government-relations-strategy/>

Medical Professionals in 118th Congress



- Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-6) – General Practice
- Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1) – Anesthesiology
- Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX-36) – Dentistry
- **Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO-1) – Nurse**
- Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA-3) – Dentistry
- Rep. Greg Murphy (R-NC-3) – Urology
- Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-2) – Dentistry
- Rep. John Joyce (R-PA-13) – Dermatology
- Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8) – Pediatrics
- Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN-8) – Thoracic Surgery
- **Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14) – Nurse**
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-1) – Ophthalmology
- Rep. Mark Green (R-TN-7) – Emergency Medicine
- Rep. Mike Burgess (R-TX-26) – OB/GYN
- Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2) – Dentistry
- Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL-2) – Urology
- Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-9) – Dentistry
- Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-25) – Emergency Medicine
- Rep. Rich McCormick (R-GA-6) – Emergency Medicine
- Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13) – Emergency Medicine
- Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN-4) – Family Medicine
- Rep. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO-8) – Pediatrics
- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – Gastroenterology
- Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) – Orthopedic Surgery
- Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) – Ophthalmology
- Sen. Roger “Doc” Marshall (R-KS) – OB/GYN



Remember, while lawmakers represent their state or district, their personal backgrounds often mean they represent far more. For example, a lawmaker's ethnicity can make them a voice for a minority community. The same can be said of religion, military experience, or their previous career. Healthcare providers represent one of the largest and groups in congress and are uniquely positioned because they understand policy changes at the operational level and have a unique perspective to evaluate healthcare legislation.

LOOKING TO GET MORE ACTIVE IN POLICY & ADVOCACY ON A LOCAL OR NATIONAL LEVEL? CONTACT NAHN STAFF OR A MEMBER OF THE POLICY & AVOCACY COMMITTEE.

