

## **Government Relations**

## **Government Relations Resources**



**This Week in Washington (TWIW)**: Keep up-to-date on federal and state legislative action, as well as other Government Relations announcements and resources, such as Report Cards, SPAG, and free webinars, with our Friday newsletter.



**Legislative and Regulatory Tracking:** View pending legislation and regulatory proposals in your state, using <u>ASCE's state legislative tracking service</u>.



**Social Media Sites**: Follow ASCE government relations on social media to stay on top of current state and federal policy. Check out ASCE's Government Relations Facebook Page, Twitter, and our Save America's Infrastructure blog.



**Federal, State & Local Key Alerts:** ASCE can reach out to our members to urge action on legislative proposals that affect the engineering profession. Through a few easy clicks, members can <u>send pre-drafted emails</u> to their state and federal legislators.



**Government Relations University:** Modeled after the popular PR University, this half-day program provides advocacy training from ASCE staff who will travel to your Section or Branch to conduct the program.



**State Government Relations Manual:** A basic manual on how to create and successfully run a state government relations program.



**Testimony, Talking Points, & Issue Briefs**: Staff can assist with drafting testimony, position papers, letters to legislators, and editorials. ASCE also provides materials for visits with elected officials.



**State Report Card Guidebook:** This publication is designed to help Sections and Branches get started with the process of producing a state or regional infrastructure report card.



## **Government Relations**

## 8 Ways You Can Get Involved

Grassroots advocacy plays a critical role in the Society's ability to meet it's mission, vision, and strategic priorities.

**The Key Contact Program** is the foundation of mobilizing support for the Society's position. As a Key Contact you have the opportunity to play an active role in policymaking by making contacts with your elected officials. By becoming a trusted advisor Key Contacts achieve true conversations about issues important to the profession.

Help grow ASCE's culture of advocacy by becoming a Key Contact today!

- 1 Become a Key Contact: Read The Week in Washington every Friday. Connect with ASCE GR social media, Save America's Infrastructure Blog, and more.
- Respond to Key Alerts: Send pre-drafted emails to elected officials. When you write directly to them, forward the email to ASCE GR so we track your advocacy actions.
- 3 Learn about your elected officials: Sign-up for their newsletter. Follow them on social media. Attend a Town Hall Meeting. Review their website before each visit.
- **Access Advocacy Training**: FREE Key Contact-only quarterly webinars & issue briefings hosted by ASCE GR Staff.
- For Section, Branch & YM Group Leaders: Create a Government Relations position for your group. Host a Government Relations University.
- Organize a legislative day in your state capitol: <u>Use the new state report card</u> to educate your elected officials. ASCE GR staff can provide assistance.
- Schedule a Back Home Visit with your lawmaker: Call District offices to set up a time to meet with your representatives. Establish relationships with District staff.
- Attend the annual Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C: Help bring civil engineering issues to Congress.