

# **State & National Advocacy Resources**

## **Find Your Federal Legislators**

To find out who your U.S. Representative is, enter your zip code in the search function at: http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

To find out who your U.S. Senators are, go to: <a href="https://www.senate.gov/states/WI/intro.htm">https://www.senate.gov/states/WI/intro.htm</a>

U.S. Government Official Website - Find contact information for: federal, state, local, or tribal governments and elected officials - https://www.usa.gov/agencies

#### **Find Your State Legislators**

Wisconsin State Legislature - <a href="http://legis.wisconsin.gov/">http://legis.wisconsin.gov/</a> -Enter your home address in the "Who Are My Legislators?" box.

### **Contact Your Federal Legislators**

- US Senate: <a href="https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact">https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact</a>
- US House of Representatives: <a href="https://www.house.gov/representatives">https://www.house.gov/representatives</a>
- See <u>Wisconsin Members of the 118th Congress</u> for a complete list of contact information for Wisconsin's federal legislators.

#### To Contact Your Federal Legislators by Phone

- Capitol Switchboard 1-202-224-3121 (ask to be connected your federal legislator's office)
- Senate phone list http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\_information/senators\_cfm.cfm
- House phone list http://clerk.house.gov/member\_info/mcapdir.aspx

#### **Contact Your State Legislators**

**Wisconsin Legislative Hotline** (leave a message or indicate a position on legislation): 800-362-9472 (toll-free); 608-266-9960 (in Madison); or 800-228-2115 (hearing impaired)

#### E-mail addresses:

**Senators**: https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/legislators/senate

Representatives: <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/legislators/assembly">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/legislators/assembly</a>

#### Mailing Addresses:

All Senators P.O. Box 7882 Madison WI 53707-7882 <u>Representatives</u> whose last names begin with a letter from <u>A to L</u>: P.O. Box 8952, Madison, WI 53708 Representatives whose last names begin with a letter from M to Z: P.O. Box 8953, Madison, WI 53708

<u>Committee Members</u> – Assembly, Senate & Joint - <a href="https://legis.wisconsin.gov/">https://legis.wisconsin.gov/</a>

#### **Governor Tony Evers**

115 East Capitol Madison WI 53702 (608) 266-1212.

To Connect: <a href="https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/connect.aspx">https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/connect.aspx</a>

#### **State Budget**

Governor's budget letter to agencies (2023-25 Budget): <a href="https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Governor%27s%20Budget%20Letter%20to%20Agencies%2006072022.pdf">https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Governor%27s%20Budget%20Letter%20to%20Agencies%2006072022.pdf</a> (6/07/22)

**Governor's Major Budget Policies 2023-25** (Budget Instructions): <a href="https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Major%20Budget%20Policies.pdf">https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Major%20Budget%20Policies.pdf</a>

Agency Budget Requests and Revenue Estimates for the 2023-25 Biennial Budget:

https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/2023-25-Biennial-Budget-Agency-Requests.aspx

**Governor's 2023-25 Executive Budget**: <a href="https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Executive%20Budget%20Complete%20Document%20ASE.pdf">https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2023-25%20Executive%20Budget%20Complete%20Document%20ASE.pdf</a>

Legislative Fiscal Bureau Overview of State Agency Major Request Items – 2023-25 Wisconsin State Budget: <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023</a> 25 biennial budget/600 overview of state agency major request items december 2022.pdf (Dec. 2022)

Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2023-25 Biennial Budget - Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations (Entire Document): Pending

Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2023-25 Biennial Budget - Summary of Governor's Budget Recommendations (By Agency) March 2021: Pending

**Legislative Fiscal Bureau Budget Papers – 2023-25**:

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/budget/2023 25 biennial budget/ (none posted yet)

<u>Joint Finance Committee</u> (Executive Sessions/Hearings, Legislative Fiscal Bureau papers, reports): <a href="https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/committees/joint/2640">https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/committees/joint/2640</a>; Budget Comments website: Pending

### Follow budget meetings and votes (Subscription needed for detailed information):

WisconsinEye - http://www.wiseye.org/

Wheeler Report - calendar, news, media stories/releases - <a href="http://www.thewheelerreport.com/">http://www.thewheelerreport.com/</a> WisPolitics - news, interviews, podcasts, press releases - <a href="https://www.wispolitics.com/">https://www.wispolitics.com/</a>

#### **Track Legislation**

Federal: https://www.congress.gov/ or https://www.govtrack.us/start

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<u>State</u>: <u>Find</u>- <u>www.legis.wisconsin.gov</u>, <u>Track</u>- <u>https://notify.legis.wisconsin.gov/login?ReturnUrl=%2f</u> <u>OTHER RESOURCES</u>

**AARP Politics & Society -** Sign up for a free newsletter to stay up to date - <a href="https://www.aarp.org/politics-society/">https://states.aarp.org/wisconsin/</a>

Administration for Community Living (ACL)/Administration on Aging (AoA) Programshttp://aoa.acl.gov/index.aspx

Administration for Community Living – News & Information: https://acl.gov/news

Aging and Disability Resource Centers – Wisconsin - <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm</a>

Aging Services – Wisconsin - https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm

Alzheimer's Association – <a href="https://www.alz.org/">https://www.alz.org/</a> . Also see, "Becoming an Advocate" - <a href="https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/advocate/become">https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/advocate/become</a> an advocate. There are local chapters throughout the U.S. – Wisconsin Chapter - <a href="https://www.alz.org/wi">https://www.alz.org/wi</a>

**Badgeraginglist**- A listserv for the aging network. Serves as a source of advocacy material related to older adults, information on aging-related issues, a location to engage about aging matters, to exchange ideas, post aging network jobs, etc. To subscribe go to: <a href="https://archives.simplelists.com/subscribe/badgeraginglist/">https://archives.simplelists.com/subscribe/badgeraginglist/</a>

Ballotpedia - for unbiased information on elections, politics and policy - https://ballotpedia.org/Main Page

**Benefit Specialists – Disability/Elder** - help older adults and people with disabilities with questions and problems related to benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, FoodShare, and health insurance: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/benefit-specialists/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/benefit-specialists/index.htm</a>

Caregiver Action Network - <a href="https://www.caregiveraction.org/">https://www.caregiveraction.org/</a>

Caring Across Generations - <a href="https://caringacross.org/">https://caringacross.org/</a>

**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** - a research institute that conducts analyses on government policies and programs: <a href="http://www.cbpp.org/">http://www.cbpp.org/</a>

Center for Medicare Advocacy - <a href="http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/">http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/</a>

Dane County Area Agency on Aging - Legislative/Advocacy Committee: <a href="https://danecountyhumanservices.org/aging/areaagencyonaging/aaa-legislative-committee.aspx">https://danecountyhumanservices.org/aging/areaagencyonaging/aaa-legislative-committee.aspx</a>

Disability Rights Wisconsin - <a href="http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/">http://www.disabilityrightswi.org/</a>

**Families USA** - A leading national, non-partisan voice for health care consumers, dedicated to achieving high-quality, affordable health care and improved health for all. <a href="https://familiesusa.org/">https://familiesusa.org/</a>

Family Caregiver Alliance - <a href="https://www.caregiver.org/">https://www.caregiver.org/</a>

Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources – General - <a href="https://gwaar.org/">https://gwaar.org/</a>; Advocacy and Grassroots Resources: <a href="https://gwaar.org/advocacy-and-grassroots-resources1">https://gwaar.org/advocacy-and-grassroots-resources1</a>

Independent Sector- Policy & Advocacy - <a href="https://independentsector.org/policy/">https://independentsector.org/policy/</a>
Greater WI Agency on Aging Resources, Inc. – Advocacy Resources; <a href="mailto:janet.zander@gwaar.org">janet.zander@gwaar.org</a>
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Institute for Women's Policy Research - <a href="https://iwpr.org/">https://iwpr.org/</a>
Justice in Aging - <a href="http://www.justiceinaging.org/">http://www.justiceinaging.org/</a>

**Kaiser Health News**- Nonprofit news service covering health policy issues at the federal and state level: <a href="http://khn.org/">http://khn.org/</a>

Kaiser Family Foundation - Health Policy Research - http://kff.org/

**League of Women Voters of Wisconsin** - Issues & Advocacy - <a href="http://www.lwvwi.org/IssuesAdvocacy.aspx">http://www.lwvwi.org/IssuesAdvocacy.aspx</a>

Meals on Wheels America (MOWA) - <a href="http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/take-action/advocate">http://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/take-action/advocate</a>

Medicare Rights Center - <a href="https://www.medicarerights.org/">https://www.medicarerights.org/</a>

My Vote Wisconsin - <a href="https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/">https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/</a>

National Alliance for Caregiving - <a href="http://www.caregiving.org/advocacy/">http://www.caregiving.org/advocacy/</a>

National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare - <a href="http://www.ncpssm.org/">http://www.ncpssm.org/</a>

National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care - https://theconsumervoice.org/

National Council on Aging (NCOA) - Advocacy Basic - <a href="https://www.ncoa.org/advocates/public-policy/advocacy-basics">https://www.ncoa.org/advocates/public-policy/advocacy-basics</a>; Advocates - <a href="https://www.ncoa.org/advocates">https://www.ncoa.org/advocates</a>

OWL - The Voice of Women 40+ - https://statusofwomendata.org/partners/owl-the-voice-of-women-40/

**Survival Coalition** - http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/

**The Wheeler Report** online news service that publishes articles and editorials concerning Wisconsin politics - <a href="http://www.thewheelerreport.com/">http://www.thewheelerreport.com/</a>

United States Senate Special Committee on Aging - <a href="http://aging.senate.gov/">http://aging.senate.gov/</a>

**USAging** - Advocacy Alerts: https://www.usaging.org/advocacyalerts

**VOTE 411 Wisconsin** – nonpartisan information about the candidates and personalized voting information - <a href="https://www.vote411.org/wisconsin">https://www.vote411.org/wisconsin</a>

Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network - <a href="http://gwaar.org/waan">http://gwaar.org/waan</a>

**Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care** (State of Wisconsin) - advocate for the interests of the state's long term care consumers, to inform those consumers of their rights, and to educate the public at large about health care systems and long-term care - <a href="http://longtermcare.wi.gov/">http://longtermcare.wi.gov/</a>

Wisconsin Budget Project - http://www.wisconsinbudgetproject.org/

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) - <a href="https://www.wicounties.org/">https://www.wicounties.org/</a>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Programs and Services for Older Adults - <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/index.htm</a> - Aging programs and services, <a href="https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm">https://dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm</a> - Aging and Disability Resource Centers,

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aging/caregiver.htm - Family Caregiver Support, https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/long-term-care-support.htm - Long Term Care and Support Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition - http://www.disabilityvote.org/

Wisconsin Elections Commission (Voting/Elections) - https://elections.wi.gov/

Wisconsin Ethics Commission (Lobby information) - <a href="https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx">https://ethics.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx</a>

Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance - <a href="https://wisconsincaregiver.org/alliance">https://wisconsincaregiver.org/alliance</a>

Wisconsin's Family Caregiver Support Programs - <a href="http://wisconsincaregiver.org/">http://wisconsincaregiver.org/</a>

**Wisconsin State Legislature** (legislators, committees, bills, maps, Blue Book, Session calendar & much more) - https://legis.wisconsin.gov/

WisPolitics - Wisconsin's Premier Political News and Information Service: <a href="http://www.wispolitics.com">http://www.wispolitics.com</a>