

# **STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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# Today's Objectives

- **What is advocacy and why does it matter?**
- **The Louisiana legislative process**
- **2015 legislative session review**
- **How to get involved in advocacy / legislative process**

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# What is Advocacy and Why Does it Matter?

**ADVOCACY:** Speaking out on your patients' behalf.

- Provides opportunity to move beyond individual solutions to create broader systemic change.
- Collectively gain attention of decision-makers, the media, and the general public to create change on behalf of patients' health and well-being.

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# The Louisiana Legislative Process

## Subject Matter:

- Even Numbered Years: Non-Fiscal Session
  - No bills imposing a tax can be introduced
- Odd Numbered Years: Fiscal Session Only Session
  - Five non-fiscal bills allowed per member

## State Budget:

- Agencies submit budget recommendations around Nov 15 (Advocates should reach out between July and October)
- Governor puts Executive Budget together mid November – February
- Executive Budget released 45 days before session begins
- Appropriations Committee meets 2 weeks before session begins and continues throughout.

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# The Louisiana Legislative Process, cont'd...

## Bill Introductions:

- Legislators may prefile unlimited # of bills until the filing deadline.
- Deadline for prefiling is 5pm on the 10th calendar day before the session.
- After the deadline, they can only file 5 additional bills.
- Constitutional amendments must be prefiled 10 full days before start of session

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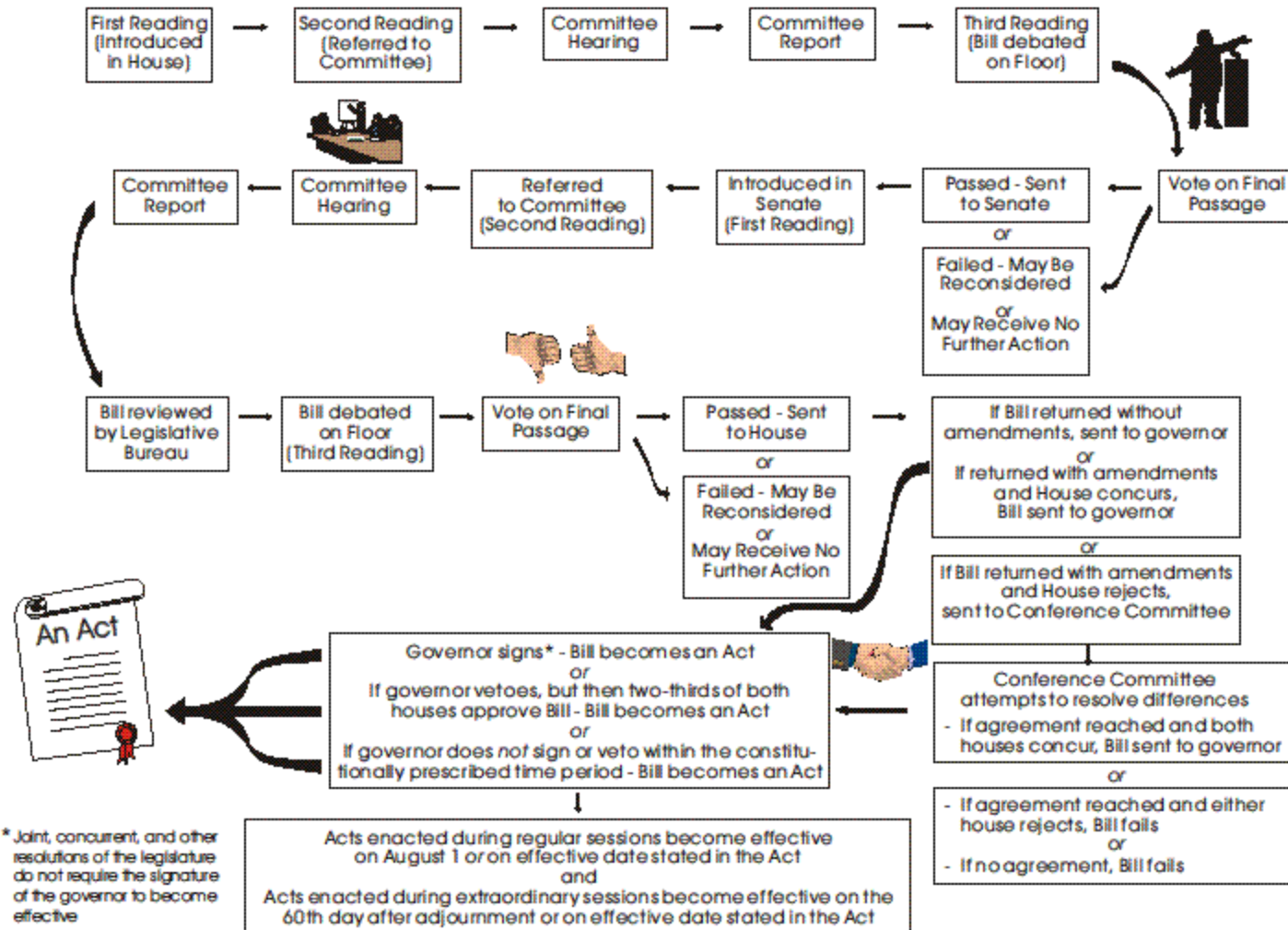
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# How a Bill Becomes a Law



\* Joint, concurrent, and other resolutions of the legislature do not require the signature of the governor to become effective

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- MONDAY, APRIL 15 – THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- FISCAL ONLY SESSION

WHAT WAS THE TALLY?

-- 847 House Bills | 232 House Concurrent Resolutions | 229 House Resolutions  
5 House Study Resolutions

-- 285 Senate Bills | 140 Senate Concurrent Resolutions | 231 Senate Resolutions  
1 Senate Study Resloution

-- 10 vetoed bills



# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## 2015 SESSION BY THE NUMBERS\*

- ✓ \$1.6B - initial shortfall facing legislators at start of session
  - ✓ 25% - share due to drop in oil prices
  - ✓ 75% - share due to LA's structural deficit between revenue and expenses
- ✓ \$741M – revenue generated next year by 12 major bills passed during session
  - ✓ \$365M – amount from bills that are permanent
  - ✓ \$110M – amount that will have to be replaced next year
  - ✓ \$266M – amount from bills that will expire after three years

**DATA FROM THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY THE LOUISIANA BUDGET PROJECT**

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- ✓ \$600M – amount of “one-time” money in the 2016 budget that will have to be replaced
- ✓ \$1.2B- amount of “one-time” money in the 2015 budget that had to be replaced this year
- ✓ \$80M- amount needed to fund Act 3, \$0- amount appropriated
- ✓ \$4,941- cut in state support for higher education since 2008
- ✓ 300,000- number of uninsured who would have gained access through expansion
- ✓ 35<sup>th</sup>- rank of LA’s new cigarette tax among the 50 states and DC (up from 48<sup>th</sup>)

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# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## FINANCE/ BUDGET/ FISCAL BILLS

- HB 1, Fannin: Provides for the ordinary operating expenses of state government for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
- HB 137, Havard : Creates the Privatization Review Act
- HB 445, Mack: Provides relative to entities authorized to provide services related to motor vehicles
- HB 629, Jackson: Reduces income and corporation franchise tax credits
- HB 635, Jackson: Reduces all tax rebates

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## FINANCE/ BUDGET/ FISCAL BILLS

- HB 749, Burrell: Requires the review of tax credits
- HB 779, Ponti: Provides with respect to the solar energy systems tax credit
- HB 829, Robideaux: Provides relative to the motion picture investor tax credit
- HCR 75, Kleckley: Provides for a hospital stabilization formula

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS

- HB 186, Montoucet: Requires that mammography and ultrasound reports provide information regarding supplemental breast cancer screening
- HB 304, Hall: Provides relative to sharing of prescription monitoring program information with equivalent programs of other states
- HB 307, Jackson: Provides relative to coverage and payment for services rendered to a person admitted under an emergency certificate
- HB 319, Simon: Provides relative to the dispensing of interchangeable biological products
- HB 326, Bishop, W.: Authorizes surveys of public school students in Orleans Parish regarding risk behaviors
- HB 342, Gisclair: Provides relative to vaccinations required prior to enrolling in an educational institution

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS

- HB 359, Bishop, W.: Requires public school governing authorities in Orleans Parish to offer sex education instruction to students in certain grades
- HB 446, Miguez: Provides relative to firearm familiarity and safety instruction for elementary school students
- HB 498, Talbot: Provides for transparency in health services pricing and health care quality measures
- HB 603, Willmott: Provides for annual communications and public information plans concerning the Safe Haven Law
- HB 734, Seabaugh: Provides with respect to registration and regulation of certain child day care centers



# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS

- HCR 129, Barrow: Creates a task force to study and make recommendations concerning health services delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge region
- HCR 132, Henry: Requests a study on prospective implementation of a system to help health practitioners identify child abuse
- HCR 162, Barrow: Requests the Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality to study and make recommendations concerning prevention and treatment of neonatal abstinence syndrome
- HCR 168, Billiot: Creates the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study public policy and financing options for youth aging out of foster care
- HCR 170, Smith: Creates a study committee to evaluate and make recommendations concerning Louisiana's system of healthcare delivery

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS

- HCR 186, Simon: Requests a study to establish baseline data on access to health care in Louisiana and make recommendations concerning health system reforms that emphasize prevention and wellness
- HR 69, Carmody: Requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health and Hospitals to report on the effectiveness of abstinence-emphasis sex education
- HR 171, Bishop, W.: Requests the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and report on the problem of homelessness among persons who have aged out of foster care
- HR 185, Thibaut: Requests state-approved nonpublic schools to consider keeping epinephrine on the school premises for emergency situations
- SB 8, Long: Provides relative to prosecutions for certain criminal offenses

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH BILLS

- SB 31, Morrell: Authorizes surveys of public school students in Orleans Parish regarding risk behaviors
- SCR 17, Mills: Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to evaluate and report on the health benefits and costs of adding Krabbe disease to the list of mandatory screenings performed on newborns under certain circumstances.
- SCR 34, Heitmeier: Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care plans, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative to work together to develop a plan to implement the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- SR 179, Murray: Requests the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention sub-group Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to recommend the Meningitis B vaccine for incoming college students.

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

- HB 416, Barrow: Provides relative to advanced practice registered nurses
- HB 486, Johnson, R.: Provides relative to collaborative practice agreements between advanced practice registered nurses and physicians
- SB 56, Dorsey-Colomb: Provides for the practice of chiropractic
- SB 115, Mills: Provides with respect to the practice of physician assistants

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MEDICAID BILLS

- HB 270, Armes: Provides relative to filing of Medicaid claims
- HB 517, Edwards: Provides for expansion of Medicaid eligibility in conformance with standards provided in federal law
- SB 40, Nevers: Requires the Department of Health and Hospitals provide health care coverage with essential health benefits to every legal Louisiana resident whose household income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level
- SB 109, Johns: Provides for reporting measures for the Medicaid managed care program and the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership program

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## TOBACCO BILLS

- HB 77, Ritchie: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes
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- HB 148, Badon: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and dedicates the monies
- HB 158, Hoffmann: Provides relative to promotion of smoking cessation programs and services
- HB 187, Moreno: Authorizes a parish governing authority to levy an excise tax on tobacco products
- HB 224, Hoffmann: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes
- HB 249, Leger: Extends the excise tax exemption for cigars or pipe tobacco products sampled during the Convention of the International Premium Cigar and Pipe Retailers Association
- HB 252, Montoucet: Levies an additional tax on certain tobacco products and levies a tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes



# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## TOBACCO BILLS

- HB 349, Jones: Provides relative to vapor products
- HB 380, Hollis: Requires cigarettes to be stamped prior to selling or distribution
- HB 407, Thibaut: Levies an additional tax on smoking tobacco
- HB 427, Jackson: Levies an additional tax on certain tobacco products and levies a tax on vapor products and electronic cigarettes
- HB 467, Harris: Provides relative to the payment and purchase of tobacco products
- HB 477, Montoucet: Provides for minimum pricing of cigarettes

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## TOBACCO BILLS

- HB 487, Leger: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes and dedicates the monies
- HB 515, Ritchie: Levies an additional tax on certain tobacco products and levies a tax on certain vapor products and electronic cigarettes
- HB 544, Gaines: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes
- HB 689, Adams: Provides for the distribution of the proceeds of the sale of tobacco assets
- HB 792, Stokes: Levies an additional tax on cigarettes and tobacco products and levies a tax on certain vapor products and electronic cigarettes
- SB 128, Murray: Authorizes parishes and municipalities to levy and collect a tobacco tax

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## MARIJUANA BILLS

- HB 149, Badon: Amends certain criminal penalties for possession of marijuana and prohibits the applicability of the Habitual Offender Law relative to possession of marijuana
- SB 143, Mills: Provides relative to prescribed marijuana for therapeutic uses and the development of rules and regulations by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- SCR 16, Mills: Directs the Louisiana State Law Institute to establish a working group to study laws relative to marijuana and make recommendations to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and control costs to the criminal justice system.

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## SEXUAL ASSAULT/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

- HB 139, Hodges: Amends references of "simple rape", "forcible rape", and "aggravated rape" to "first degree rape", "second degree rape", and "third degree rape" respectively
- HB 143, Moreno: Provides for a dedication of funds realized from unclaimed gaming prize tickets
- HB 194, Moreno: Provides relative to the examination, treatment, and billing of victims of a sexually-oriented crime
- HB 289, Gisclair: Provides relative to the collection of certain evidence from victims of rape offenses
- HB 311, Moreno: Provides relative to sexual assaults

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## SEXUAL ASSAULT/ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BILLS

- HB 835, Moreno: Provides relative to the examination, treatment, and billing of victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses
- SB 36, Amedee: Provides relative to sexual assault protective orders
- SB 117, Smith, G.: Provides relative to certain sex offenses
- SB 242, Morrell: Requires criminal justice agencies to annually report certain information concerning sexual assault kits and sexually-oriented criminal offenses

# 2015 LA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

- HB 165, Anders: Provides relative to fees collected by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- HB 257, Seabaugh: Provides relative to healthcare provider credentialing
- HB 843, Hazel: Provides for the investigation and adjudication of violations by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
- HCR 4, Simon: Expresses the intent of the legislature regarding the standard of care prescribed by law for the practice of telemedicine
- HCR 10, Burford: Suspends rules of the La. Board of Pharmacy that invalidate prescriptions with computer generated electronic signatures
- SB 54, Broome: Prohibits suspension or expulsion of students in grades kindergarten through three
- SR 167, Broome: Directs public elementary school governing authorities to report to DOE regarding alternative discipline strategies utilized prior to suspending or expelling students in grades Pre-K through five out of school.



# Fitting Advocacy into Your Professional Responsibilities

- **DOESN'T REQUIRE A LOT OF TIME:** Can affect change in as little as an hour a month or less or as much as multiple hours a week.
- **PRIORITIZE YOUR INTERESTS:** Don't have to be an advocate on every issue.

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# How Can You Be an Advocate?

- Communication
  - Professional Society
  - Local Leaders
  - Parents
- Hit “send” or Make a Call
- Attend an Event or Function
- Get Engaged in the Process

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# Your Message

- Your message is the core statement of why your issue is important and should be the underpinning of all your media and communications work.
- **Effective messages:**
  - Create consistency in the way your issue is talked about and cuts across the many stories that relate to your issue.
  - Are easily understood and can they be internalized and repeated by others.
  - Convince people that your issue is something they can support.

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# Advocacy Tips

## *RELATIONSHIP BUILDING*

**Don't wait to ask a stranger for a favor.**

- Invite your Elected Officials to your Practice or Event
- Visit their District Office
- Host a Town Hall Meeting
- Host a Candidate Debate

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# Advocacy Tips

## *MEETING WITH LEGISLATORS*

- Have an agenda in mind; assign roles of attendees
- Always be polite and/but honest
- Be as direct and concise on your issue as possible
- Provide district level data
- Let them know you want to be a resource
- Leave something behind (but not too much!)

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# Navigating the Session

## LEGISLATIVE WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the Louisiana State Legislature website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, Laws, Bills, Sessions, House, Senate, Committees, and Legislation. Below the navigation bar, the page is divided into a main content area and a left sidebar. The main content area features a section titled "TODAY'S MEETINGS, 10/14/2013" with a sub-section for "Joint Committee Meetings". A table lists a meeting: "Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases" at "12:00 pm" in the "Bienville Building", which is "Scheduled". Below this, there is a link for "View Upcoming Meetings". Another section is titled "2013 REGULAR SESSION" with information about the session dates: "Convened on Monday, April 8, 2013. Final Adjournment on Thursday, June 5, 2013". A list of links follows, including "2013 Regular Session Information", "Bill Search", "Act Numbers to Bills Passed", "Bill Numbers to Acts", "Constitutional Amendments and Joint Resolutions", "Vetted Bills", "Citation Index to Acts", "Subject Index to Acts", "Approval Dates of Acts", and "Effective Dates of Acts". The left sidebar contains various links such as "About the Legislature", "Who Are My Legislators?", "Boards & Commissions", "Fiscal Information", "News and Publications", "Broadcast Archives", "How do I...? (FAQ's)", "Disabilities Information", "APA", "Related Links", and "Contact Us".

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- UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
- SEARCH LEGISLATORS
- SEARCH CURRENT AND PREVIOUS SESSIONS LEGISLATIVE INSTRUMENTS
- VIEW ARCHIVED VIDEOS
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# The Louisiana Legislative Process

## TESTIFYING IN COMMITTEE

**HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION\* IN OPPOSITION**

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding: HB No. \_\_\_\_\_ HCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ HR No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SB No. \_\_\_\_\_ SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**  
 I would like to speak  
 I will provide information, if requested  
 Although I do not wish to speak, I am in support

**PLEASE PRINT:**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representing: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Your signature required on the back hereof is certification that your testimony is true and correct and an acknowledgment that you are testifying under oath.

**HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION\* IN SUPPORT**

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding: HB No. \_\_\_\_\_ HCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ HR No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 SB No. \_\_\_\_\_ SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SENATE WITNESS CARD - INFORMATION ONLY**

Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding: SB No. \_\_\_\_\_ SCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ SR No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 HB No. \_\_\_\_\_ HCR No. \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK ONE:**  
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# ADVOCACY TIPS

## *TESTIFYING IN COMMITTEE*

- Communicate with the bill's author
- Be concise and to the point
- Know your audience and their communities
- Use stories and data

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# The Louisiana Legislative Process

## *FLOOR NOTES TO LEGISLATORS*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



IN THE HOUSE LOBBY

Seat No \_\_\_\_\_

TO \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL/RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHOR \_\_\_\_\_  
SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

FOR       AGAINST

MESSAGE:



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# Review

- **Your voice matters**
- **You already have the skills to advocate**
- **There are a variety of ways and levels to advocate on behalf of your patients and your profession (and you're probably already doing some)**
- **Develop relationships early**
- **Answer the call**
- **Know your key points and your ask**
- **Be a resource and leave something behind**

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