

# 116th Congress Roadmap for Action Calendar

 <p><b>JANUARY</b> Meet and greet new lawmakers</p>	 <p><b>FEBRUARY</b> Send letters to Senators and Congressman outlining your priorities</p>	 <p><b>MARCH</b> Summit for Leaders/FOTH March 11-13</p>
 <p><b>APRIL</b> Letter to the Editor Ex. What I Learned in DC</p>	 <p><b>MAY</b> Request and attend in-district meeting with Congressman or Senator</p>	 <p><b>JUNE</b> Join tele-town halls or schedule constituent calls with lawmakers</p>
 <p><b>JULY</b> Request and attend in-district meeting with Congressman or Senator</p>	 <p><b>AUGUST</b> Attend in-district town halls with local Congressman</p>	 <p><b>SEPTEMBER</b> Request and attend in-district meeting with Congressman or Senator</p>
 <p><b>OCTOBER</b> Invite lawmakers to your organization</p>	 <p><b>NOVEMBER</b> Letter to the Editor Ex. Lawmaker's visit to your organization</p>	 <p><b>DECEMBER</b> Be on the lookout for end-of-year calls to action</p>

# Roadmap Resources



To request a **meeting** with your congressman or senators:

- Go to [house.gov/representatives/find/](http://house.gov/representatives/find/) to find your representative and [senate.gov/senators/contact/](http://senate.gov/senators/contact/) to find your senators.
- Independent Sector state profiles are useful to provide specific information to your congressman and senators about giving in your state [independentsector.org/resource/state-profiles/](http://independentsector.org/resource/state-profiles/).



A **letter to the editor** is a good way to communicate with influencers in your community and your federal, state and local lawmakers. Here are some examples:

- Expanding Charitable Giving Assures a Strong and Free Civil Society
- Alarming Trends in Charitable Giving
- What I Learned in Washington



**Social media** is a simple and effective method for reinforcing your message with your lawmakers. We encourage you to share blog posts or articles supporting your position with members of Congress. On our [website](#), you will find a few example updates that can be used on social media.

#### **Example Tweet:**

Congress should make good tax policy - the charitable deduction - even better by expanding it to all Americans @ (member)  
#ProtectGiving



Sample question for **town hall**:

Charitable giving has been an American tradition since our founding, yet the number of Americans giving to charity has been steadily declining for more than a decade. Is this on your radar? And what can Congress do to reverse this alarming trend?

**Keep an eye out for #HillScoop and #SectorScoop on Twitter @ACReform**