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## Volunteerism Day at the Capitol 2021 Advocacy Tips

### Meetings:

You have been assigned two Representatives to reach out to. They are on the House Human Services Committee and we would like you to request that they sign on to the Bill as co-author and request a hearing. Rep. Jennifer Schultz is the Chair of the committee and is the one who decides who gets a hearing. We would also like for you to reach out to your own representative and senator to ask them to sign on to the Bill and request a hearing from Rep. Schultz. We do have a hearing in the Senate.

### Legislative Staff:

The legislative assistants (L.As) are your gatekeepers. Please reach out to them as well as to the representative or senator.

### Protocol:

Meetings may take place by phone, video conference or you may simply email back and forth.

### Introduction:

Introduce yourself and tell the Rep/Senator where you work and how essential volunteerism is to your mission. Tell them you would like their support to get the volunteerism Bill (HF1383 and SF1181) included in the Human Services Omnibus Bill. Ask for help to get a hearing in the House before the Second deadline (March 19).

### The Ask:

Tell them the Bill will bring funds so that we can address unmet needs through innovation grants from MAVA. Tell them a personal story about how you have seen volunteerism change lives. Tell them how this Bill will impact you and your District. Invite them to come see volunteerism in action at your workplace.

### Closing:

Thank the legislator. Give them MAVA's information. Ask them if you can count on their support. Please send them a thank you email as soon as you get back to the office. Tell MAVA what happened!



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