



Congressional Outreach at Federation Conventions

Any time multiple NARFE members are gathered together is a great time to participate in the Protect America's Heartbeat campaign. Federation conventions provide great opportunities for NARFE members to contact their leaders in Washington, DC.

Letters

Print out letters for NARFE members to sign and mail to their members of Congress. The most recent action letter is available on the Legislative Action Center or by requesting one from NARFE's Legislative Department.

For members who want to personalize or write their own letters, provide a notepad and sample letters. Make sure to provide the correct addresses for headings and envelopes.

You can collect all of the letters and mail them together to your member of Congress' local office or provide individual envelopes for people to use. You also can collect the letters and present them to the elected official or a representative if they will be attending your convention. Finally, you can take the collected letters to your member's local office following the convention. Or you can send all the letters to the NARFE Legislative Department and we'll drop them off at the Washington, DC, office of your members of Congress.

If you have Internet access at the convention venue, you can provide the opportunity for NARFE members to send emails. In the back of the main convention room, have a laptop (or a few) set up at the NARFE Legislative Action Center. Members can complete the form and send an email to their congressional representatives in a few minutes.

Phone Calls

During breaks in the activity or if the convention is ahead of schedule, you can have your members call their elected officials from cell phones. Prior to breaks, have somebody announce the toll-free phone number. If you provide scripts for your members, include the phone number on the top of the script.

NARFE provides a toll-free number to the Capitol Switchboard: 1-866-220-0044. NARFE is able to track the number of callers using this number and can provide results to chapter or federation leaders. You also can provide your members the direct phone number to their representative's or senators' offices, but NARFE is not able to track those calls.



You also can provide a phone script for your members, a sample of which is available [here](#) or by requesting the most up-to-date one from NARFE Headquarters. Have copies of the script at the registration table or at tables in the convention meeting space.

Not Hosting a Convention This Year?

You can still get involved!

You can pick a date and have your own statewide call-in day. Or email your members with a link to the email on the Legislative Action Center or a sample letter for them to mail to their members of Congress.