

15:53:12 From Susan Simpson : Hi, from Laramie, Wyoming.
15:53:14 From Christy Wheeler : Christy from Mississippi Gulf Coast.
15:53:22 From Douglas Cooper : Doug Cooper, Marin County, CA
15:53:32 From Regina Sheridan : Hi, Trish! Great to see you here!
15:53:36 From Jacqueline Coolidge : Hello this is Jackie Coolidge
(she/her), Chair of Lobby Corps! Welcome everyone!
15:53:36 From Barbara Laimins : Hi
15:53:49 From Barbara Laimins : Barb from Illinois
15:54:13 From Jacqueline Lightcap : Hello from Topeka, Kansas, and LWV of
Kansas! I'm on the staff with LWVK and am glad to be here.
15:54:27 From Gloria Hoo : Hi from San Jose, CA
15:54:29 From Trish Neely : Hi Regina! Hoping for some pointers
15:54:47 From Joanne Moore : Joanne moore, CT
15:54:54 From Kathryn Stewart : Kate from Tucson
15:54:55 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Hi! Brie from Southern Nevada (Las
Vegas)
15:55:06 From Dana Ellis : Dana Ellis Birmingham, AL
15:55:09 From Lois Hybl : Lois Hybl from Baltimore, MD
15:55:15 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : (please forgive my very informal
appearance)
15:55:17 From Kathryn Gundlach : Hi! Kathi from Palm Beach County, FL
15:55:29 From Karen Sutton : Hello to everyone from Karen Sutton in North
County San Diego.
15:55:34 From Regina Sheridan : I love seeing all these FL Members!!
15:55:38 From Lyn Widmyer : hi this is Lyn from WV
15:55:45 From Meredith Donaldson : Greetings from Columbia=Boone county
Missouri
15:55:51 From Beth Pellicciotti : Beth Pellicciotti WA
15:55:53 From Lynne Kochmanski : Lynne from Ann Arbor, MI
15:56:01 From Helen Hutchison : Helen Hutchison from Oakland, CA
15:56:03 From Meredith Donaldson : Meredith from Columbia-Boone County LWV
15:56:08 From VICKI WHITE-LAWRENCE : Vicki from LWV of the Piedmont Triad
in North Carolina. (Central part of the state; Greensboro area)
15:56:12 From Jillian Giaccio : Jillian from Bucks County, PA
15:56:21 From Brett Dolente : Hello! My name is Ms Brett Dolente, this is
my first national convention, I am loving it. I am PA 004, in Chester County.
15:56:32 From Barbara Pearson LWV-Amherst MA : Barbara Pearson from LWV
Amherst MA, also the LWV Health Care Reform 4 the US Network
15:56:39 From Barbara Caddell : Barbara Caddell brings good wishes from
Alabama
15:56:55 From Deb Knight : Hello from Missoula, Montana!
15:57:11 From Joan Siegel : Joan Siegel, Chevy Chase MD and a member of the
Lobby Corps
15:57:12 From Geraldine Beck : Hi, I'm in Bozeman MT.
15:57:14 From ann williams : Hi - Ann Williams from Santa Monica CA
15:57:22 From Catherine Forester : Hello Catherine Forester here from LWV
Beaufort South Carolina
15:57:29 From Gail Volk : Hello from Albany, New York!
15:57:31 From Donald Gurney : Don Gurney from LWV Arlington VA - Voter
Services

15:57:36 From Catherine Forester : Can everyone please mute yourselves
15:57:55 From Amy Vandegrift : Hello, I am Amy Vandegrift from Marion & Polk Counties Salem Oregon
15:58:00 From Bill Slankard - Illinois : Bill Slankard - Arlington Heights, Illinois
15:58:11 From Barb Hykes : Barb Hykes Columbus, OH
15:58:25 From Hannah Burling : Hannah Burling LWV New Mexico
15:58:29 From Carol Reimers : Carol Reimers, Connecticut
15:58:33 From Patricia Rossi : Patricia Rossi here's from New Haven, CT
15:58:43 From Brett Dolente : I will share my email her if that is ok, if anyone wishes to connect with me alone. brettddolente@gmail.com
15:58:43 From Suzanne Stassevitch : Suzanne Stassevitch, New York Good Afternoon ,from NYC
15:59:07 From Sarah Warner : Hello from Columbus, OH!
15:59:12 From Ann Kril : Ann Kril from Saratoga County NY
15:59:28 From Rebecca Newman : Hi, Folks! Becky Newman, LWV Orange Coast (California)
15:59:29 From Lea Galanter LWV Washington State : Lea Galanter from Washington State
15:59:31 From Linda Duckworth : Good to see you again, Toni Larson!
15:59:31 From Rebecca Gladstone : Hi, Becky G from Oregon
15:59:38 From Bonnie McNeill : Bonnie McNeill, Vernon Hills, IL
15:59:43 From Jessica Jones Capparell to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : Hey! I just want to suggest to record this so that it can be shared later
15:59:44 From Nancy Bettinger : Nancy Bettinger from Hingham, Massachusetts- Hi everyone!
16:00:00 From Sheila Denn : Sheila Denn from Cary, NC – hello!
16:00:04 From Regina Sheridan : inspired by all these powerful advocates across the country. Happy to be here from the FL State office!
16:00:08 From Jessica Jones Capparell to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : And then just make sure no one has any objections before you start the recording.
16:00:22 From Charlotte Nycklemoe : Hello Everyone! Charlotte Nycklemoe here from Florida State LWV and Collier County local league.
16:00:24 From Linda Duckworth : Linda Duckworth from Omaha; Co-President of LWVNE.
16:00:25 From Ann Batiza : Ann Batiza from LWV of Milwaukee County (WI)
16:00:40 From Regina Sheridan : Hi, Charlotte! Great to “e-see” you!
16:00:43 From Sara Cyrus : Sara Cyrus, Teaneck, NJ
16:00:54 From Pinny Sheoran : Hello everyone, LWV Arizona, State Advocacy Chair
16:01:19 From Mia Villasenor : Hello all! Mia Villaseñor from LWV California!
16:01:25 From LWVUS Advocacy to Jessica Jones Capparell(Privately) : I told Jackie to bring that up
16:01:27 From karen wilkerson : Karen Wilkerson = Palm Beach County, Florida
16:01:27 From LWVUS Advocacy to Jessica Jones Capparell(Privately) : Thanks!
16:01:35 From Regina Sheridan : I’d reccoment putting in “Speakers View” at the top right of your screen. That way it looks like one main person, now many

little boxes.

16:01:38 From Miel Johnson : Miel Johnson, LWV Arlington Heights Mt Prospect Buffalo Grove.

16:01:38 From Michele Thorne : Michele Thorne - LWV-Wilmette, Illinois :)

16:01:38 From Janet Hoy : Hi from Janet Hoy from Walnut Creek CA

16:01:45 From Susan Guilford : Central Orange County Area, Orange CA

16:01:51 From Joe Garonzik : Joe Garonzik from Baltimore County, MD LWV

16:01:54 From Regina Sheridan : *recommend whoops!

16:01:58 From Jessica Jones Capparell to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : GREAT!!

16:02:05 From Joanne Pettit : Joanne Pettit, LWV Louisiana, Mandeville, LA

16:02:13 From Syeda Inamdar : Syeda Inamdar, LWV Fremont, Newark, Union City, in California

16:02:22 From Rivko Knox : Rivko Knox, Phoenix, AZ, LWVMP (Metropolitan Phoenix)

16:02:41 From Nancy Brown : Nancy Brown, LWV Concord-Carlisle, MA

16:03:16 From Michele Lamberti : Michele Lamberti, LWV Port Washington-Manhasset, NY (Long Island)

16:03:30 From Theresa Power-Drutis: Tacoma, Washington : Theresa Power-Drutis; Tacoma/Pierce County. Washington

16:03:36 From Perry Allen : David Allen, Marquette, MI

16:06:08 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Where do I sign up!

16:06:43 From Janet Hoy : What we do have is reputation, large membership and clout!

16:07:15 From Jessica Jones Capparell to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : I'll keep an eye out for questions!

16:07:16 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Absolutely right, being helpful and friendly to staffers goes a long way!

16:08:49 From Carolyn Madden : How do you pick and choose what to lobby vote for among the many issues.

16:09:11 From Miel Johnson : I second Carolyn Madden's question.

16:09:41 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : from the impact issues book I would suggest depending on what bills are going through session, but I 3rd the question

16:10:14 From Regina Sheridan : hi, I'm sure the hosts have better insight but here in FL we research how members have voted historically, or what public statements they have made to get an idea of who someone should "target"

16:12:28 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : How many trips to DC does the WVUS lobby corp take to DC?

16:15:20 From Rivko Knox : How do you coordinate with each state league re lobbying with their Reps/Senators within the state? Do most states have specific individuals who are assigned to each member of Congress/Senator to follow up what LWVUS is doing at the offices in the state?

16:15:41 From Regina Sheridan : Question for the organizers: How can other states, including Florida, push to help at the National level? We have a very active membership who I am sure would be interested in helping!

16:16:41 From Rebecca Gladstone : Rivko, Good Question! I'm pleased to see the Oregon liaison, Joan Siegel on this call. She represents us from her MD League and has visited in Oregon.

16:17:56 From Janet Hoy : How does the Lobby Corps measure its' success?

16:22:51 From Donna Limper : I am the Illinois League's Money in Politics

issues and advocacy specialist. I'd like to give presentations on the League's federal campaign finance lobbying. How can I connect with a contact at the federal level for materials.

16:23:52 From Jennifer Muroff : We do this very successfully at the state level in Massachusetts. If we live in a state that is totally on board with our agenda, can we still help?

16:24:17 From Celeste Landry : I don't see how to raise my hand. I have a question. --Celeste Landry LWV Boulder County, CO

16:24:49 From Regina Sheridan : You click on the "Participants" and then there is an option for Raise your hand"

16:25:00 From Regina Sheridan : click on it from the bottom toolbar!

16:25:18 From karen wilkerson : Do you work with administrative staff, agency directors? Karen Wilkerson

16:25:30 From Lynne Kochmanski : How do you handle lobbying if your representative is not responsive.

16:25:31 From Jessica Jones Capparell : Traditionally, Lobby Corps members are in the DC, MD and VA area because they are able to visit Washington, DC in person.

16:25:47 From Kathryn Stewart : Can you coordinate with state leagues to plan local league visits to meet with representatives in their state offices at home?

16:25:54 From Barbara Caddell : Is there any guidance on establishing a state league lobby corps? I'd like to do this in Alabama, especially as it pertains to redistricting.

16:26:16 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : I've been trained by the Wilderness Society in DC and Pew Trusts & Vet Voice Foundation. I have lobbied in DC and at the State Legislature, so I can help train folks if needed.

16:26:38 From Regina Sheridan : jjones@lwv.org

16:26:52 From Rebecca Gladstone : Are you interested in compiling rosters for advocates by their issues?

16:27:08 From Sarah Warner : Rebecca, YES!

16:27:27 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Sure

16:28:08 From Regina Sheridan : perfect! thanks, Jacqueline! I'll reach out to Jessica.

16:28:13 From Theresa Power-Drutis: Tacoma, Washington : Why is criminal justice not on the list of top lobby issues? What would it take to pivot some energy in this direction?

16:28:17 From Joan Schwarz : Is Jessica Jones' email address jjones@LWV.org Is there a dot between LWV and org?

16:28:22 From Rebecca Gladstone : As we consider expanding to welcome more interaction, would you still prefer that Federal Action Request Forms still be submitted by State Presidents?

16:29:35 From Rivko Knox : Is there a list of the names of the lobby corp members and which states they are 'assigned' to??

16:29:38 From Susan Weisfeld : I have extremely unresponsive Congresspeople. Even their office staff persons take weeks to even give computer-generated responses. How do you overcome this??

16:29:54 From Regina Sheridan : If the person with "Florida" as one of their states could reach out to me, that would be awesome! My email is Regina@lwvfl.org

16:29:57 From Rivko Knox : "Me" = Rivko Knox, LWVMP (Metro Phx), AZ
16:29:57 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : email campaign
16:30:02 From Martha Burke : Who is the Lobby Team liaison for Washington State?
16:30:12 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : I have a relationship with Senator Manchin's staff
16:30:13 From Sarah Warner : Susan, do you call their office? or every visit their local office hours?
16:30:29 From Roma Dawson : Who is liaison for California
16:30:57 From Hannah Burling : Is there a list of the Lobby Team liaisons and the states that they cover?
16:31:08 From Nina Senn : The local stories are very very helpful to the elected and their staff. They are used frequently to illustrate their points on the floor and in the hearings.
16:31:23 From ann williams : How do we find out who the LobbyCorps person for a particular state is?
16:31:23 From Sheila Denn LWV-Wake Co. (NC) : Yes, I would like to have list of the lobby team and their state assignments.
16:32:24 From Rebecca Gladstone : After getting LWVUS permission to approach our Congressionals, we were invited to speak with them directly on a call. How would you like that to go- ask our Liaison to join in?
16:32:27 From Charlotte Nycklemoe : I would really like that list as well
16:32:30 From Regina Sheridan : By the way everyone, you can "Lower your hand" once you've been called on by using the same button.
16:32:36 From Joe Garonzik : What is lead time between LWVUS giving Lobby Corps its marching orders? Wouldn't it be useful to include the state leagues' members in such a briefing when it takes place?
16:32:47 From Carolyn Madden : Yes, the list would be helpful for us to get involved.
16:33:27 From Susan Guilford : On a personal level, I have our senators, congressperson, state senator and state assembly person in my cell along with all their office phone numbers, - local, DC and (for CA) Sacramento. Sometimes I must call several offices before someone picks up on a call.
16:33:40 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : I didn't want to take up too much time given all the women on who would like to contribute or ask questions. COVID-19 aside, what is the process to join the Lobby Corps? Does my state president need to nominate me? Do I have to complete an application. I've lobbied in DC over the past 2 years with a number of different groups and also at the state level. I've been able to develop relationships with a number of congressional staffers outside of my own Federal delegations who as I mentioned, I know personally. I really want to be involved on the Federal team.
16:34:08 From Rebecca Newman to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : Thanks for all this information, Who is assigned to California?
16:34:43 From LWVUS Advocacy to Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr(Privately) : Hi Gabrielle, Thanks for reaching out. What's your email address? We can follow up with you after the caucus?
16:34:56 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : brie.dayr@gmail.com
16:35:00 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr to LWVUS Advocacy(Privately) : thank you!

16:35:24 From LWVUS Advocacy to Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr(Privately) : Great, thanks for joining today

16:36:12 From Veda Florez : Is it possible to facilitate postcarding through this group? My local League would like to postcard for local League's in states that have activity. Our goal is to use your message. Create the postcard, stamp and label for you. Locals would receive a packet of postcards that just need a local postcards. We can use your mailing lists.

16:36:13 From Martha Burke : I see from a number of participants they would like to get a list of the Lobby Corps members and which states they cover.

16:36:20 From Susan Weisfeld : thanks - I do not visit the office because it's just political appointees working there. I email and call. These are my personal representatives

16:36:24 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : yes!

16:38:45 From Rebecca Gladstone : Comms with our state legislators are a big issue because they are overwhelmed with VM, emails, even the officially filed committee hearing testimony. We should think about maintaining the direct contact as the relationships with more influence.

16:38:55 From Jessica Jones Capparell : Legislative priorities are set at the beginning of every calendar year. I would suggest taking a read through the "Taking Action" section of Impact on Issues for information on how this process occurs. <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues>

16:39:08 From Martha Burke : I'm interested in hearing more about the use of postcard campaigns. Do you encourage these? Do they work for specific issues?

16:39:55 From Michele Thorne : Has anyone else been talking to their U.S. Senators about the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT? I'm very interested. Thank you!!!

16:40:01 From Susan Weisfeld : I agree that developing personal relationships with legislative staff is crucial!

16:40:02 From Brett Dolente : How do I apply for national board LWV membership? please answer brettdolente@gmail.com

16:40:21 From Lea Galanter LWV Washington State : I did a postcard campaign in Seattle-King County at our North Unit and it was incredibly successful. The Texas League has a toolkit for this.

16:40:27 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : @MicheleThorne, In Nevada we have ~ both our Senators are women and support the ERA passig

16:40:53 From Jennifer Muroff : Thank you Michele!

16:40:59 From ann williams : Excellent question!

16:41:06 From Jennifer Muroff : Agreed

16:41:51 From Lynne Kochmanski : Yes, Michele!

16:42:09 From Brett Dolente : sorry, wrong place to ask

16:43:15 From Susan Weisfeld : It was heartbreaking to see what happened in Georgia, particularly Atlanta, to prevent people from voting. I did not see a lot of protest from LWVUS. Most of us do not live in Georgia – how can we work to prevent this from happening in the next election?

16:43:24 From Jennifer Muroff : Complete the federal action request form on the web site

16:44:36 From Barbara Laimins : Would LWVUS create a training program for States that would like to form a lobby corp for state issues?

16:45:10 From Jessica Jones Capparell : Here's a link to the federal action request form: <https://www.lwv.org/federal-action-request-form>

16:45:14 From Rebecca Gladstone : Given that you set Legislative Priorities

annually, it is great to see that you can be facile and react quickly, as you have with responding to us for the Heroes Act request.

16:45:25 From Susan Weisfeld : Thank you for the link

16:46:33 From Charlotte Nycklemoe : Thank you for bringing up Criminal Justice and we need to do a whole lot more on Juvenile Justice. Charlotte Nycklemoe

16:47:44 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : I like that idea Corinne

16:49:24 From Trish Neely : I am the Lobby Corps Chair for Florida League. I work under the direction of the Florida League President and various position chairs. Great process.

16:49:39 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : @Jacqueline, other groups that I'm in involved with have a a legislative committee (usually headed up by a board member) that works on legislative priorities at the state level, and liaised with regional committees and the National leg committee...

16:50:32 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : I'm willing to try, and Florida has already done it so we can take steering from them

16:52:28 From Lorena Wilder : HI, I couldn't seem to unmute. But I was wondering if the Lobby Corps needs help with research and if so, how I could help with this.

16:52:36 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Wait why would a state lobby corps be hard to set up?

16:53:46 From Lea Galanter LWV Washington State : Washington State has a Lobby Team with perhaps a dozen people focused on different areas that they are expert on, and they are the ones who forge relationships with state reps/senators and their staff an stay up to date on issues in their area.

16:53:55 From Rebecca Gladstone : Hi Barbara Caddell, we have a strong "Action Committee" lobbyists' group in Oregon, growing with growing pains. :-) >20 issue focused volunteers in portfolios, happy to compare notes.

16:54:04 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Great question @Donna Limper, I've lobbied as part of an environmental coalition. It was VERY powerful

16:54:49 From Nicole Williams : @Jessica Jones Capparell Thank you for the links!

16:56:31 From Michele Thorne : We have a lot of expertise among our LWV membership ranks. To what extent do you take advantage of that at the national level with lobbying, etc.

16:56:42 From Gail Volk : What is the current status of the votes in the Senate for ERA?

16:56:57 From Suzanne Stassevitch : It seems a constituent could be a great help when you are being ignored

16:57:37 From Joe Garonzik : Given the number of issues surrounding representation, election, fairness currently in play (gerrymandering, Citizens United, the Voting Right Act, voting by mail), in the near term wouldn't it make sense for Lobby Corps to focus on these issues in its meetings with Congress and leave the lobbying on other issues (environment, climate change, jobs, and so on) to other organizations?

16:57:57 From Michele Thorne : Gail Volk, there are 49 US Senators signed on, including two Republicans.

16:58:23 From Celeste Landry : Gail - 48 co-sponsors on SJ Res 6 to extend ERA ratification deadline. Google to see the list.

16:58:53 From Theresa Power-Drutis : Maybe post that list on the LWVUS webpage

16:59:11 From Celeste Landry :
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-joint-resolution/6/cosponsors?searchResultViewType=expanded> click on co-sponsors

16:59:25 From Michele Thorne : 48 US Senators are co-sponsors of SJRes6 plus Senator Ben Cardin who is the chief sponsor.

17:00:14 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : how do you apply to lobby corps then

17:00:18 From Lyn Widmyer : thank you Jacqueline for all you do!

17:00:18 From Michele Thorne : If you're interested in ERA, our league has an ERA Facebook page called "ERA YES." We share things from many of the other leagues.

17:00:30 From karen wilkerson : I can answer how to reach the person who doesn't give you an appointment. I was a professional lobbyist and owned my own firm that covered 10 states and DC. KarenWilkerson

17:00:35 From Rebecca Gladstone : Maybe you can share the briefings?

17:00:51 From Gail Volk : I just joined this afternoon Michele Thor

17:01:20 From Barbara Laimins : Yes - it would be so helpful to share the briefings!

17:01:56 From Michele Lamberti : Another good volunteer role could be having LWV members help work on briefings and background materials.

17:02:11 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : 3 days a month is no problem, I've done bunch of fly-ins that are scheduled roughly the same way (only there's 2 days of meetings & 1/2 a day for ad hoc meetings that we're able to schedule)

17:02:20 From Barbara Caddell : Have to leave this to hop on another meeting - thanks for this important information!

17:02:31 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Some volunteered to help with research...it's in chat somewhere

17:02:56 From Susan Weisfeld : This has been very very informative - thank you to all

17:02:58 From Suzanne Stassevitch : Thanks Jacqueline, great presentation

17:03:44 From Michele Lamberti : Thank you!

17:03:50 From Gabrielle (Brie) d'Ayr : Thanks Jacqueline!

17:03:52 From Theresa Power-Drutis : Thank you for the presentation - lots of possibilities for expanding via Zoom

17:03:55 From Donna Limper : Sharing the briefing would help connect local League members to the work of the federal lobby corps. and be a benefit to membership. Many people are concerned about these issues but don't see how they can impact federal legislation. Also, please form coalitions with other members of Declaration for American Democracy. List number of members of all coalitions as stress they are primary voters.

17:03:55 From Rosemary Heilemann, IL : Thank you

17:03:56 From Anu Sahai : Thank you. Very informative

17:03:56 From Veda Florez : Thank you~very good networking and looking forward to working with you. Looking forward to the follow up. Veda

17:03:57 From Emily Walsh (UT) : thank you!

17:03:59 From Joan Schwarz : Is Lobby Corps lobbying specifically on HR1

17:04:01 From Nicole Williams : Thank you!

17:04:03 From Bonnie McNeill : thank you

17:04:06 From Sarah Warner : Thank you!

17:04:12 From Gloria Hoo : Thank you Jacquie -