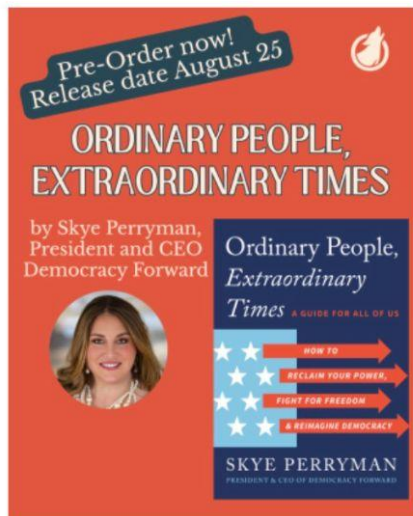


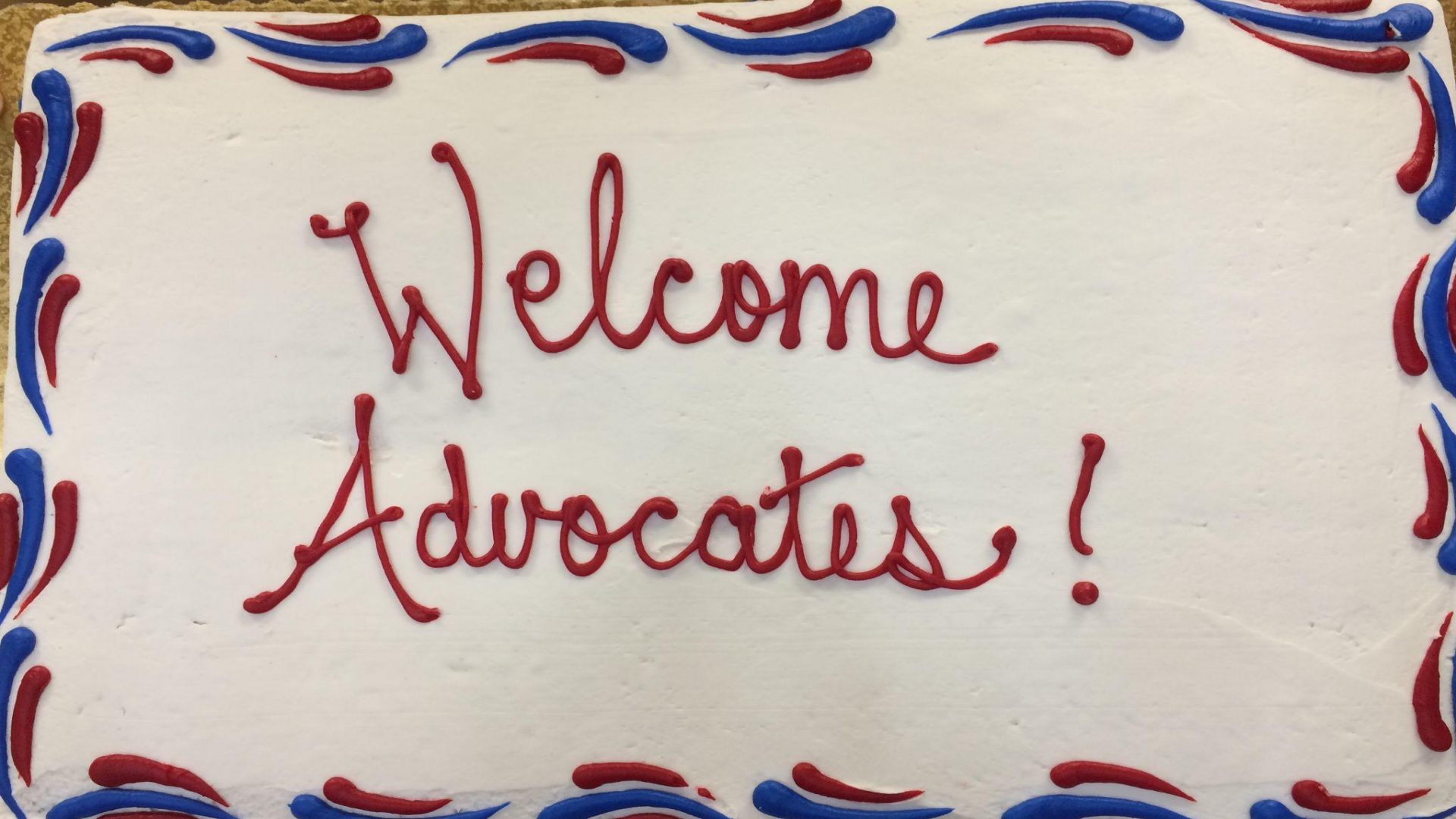
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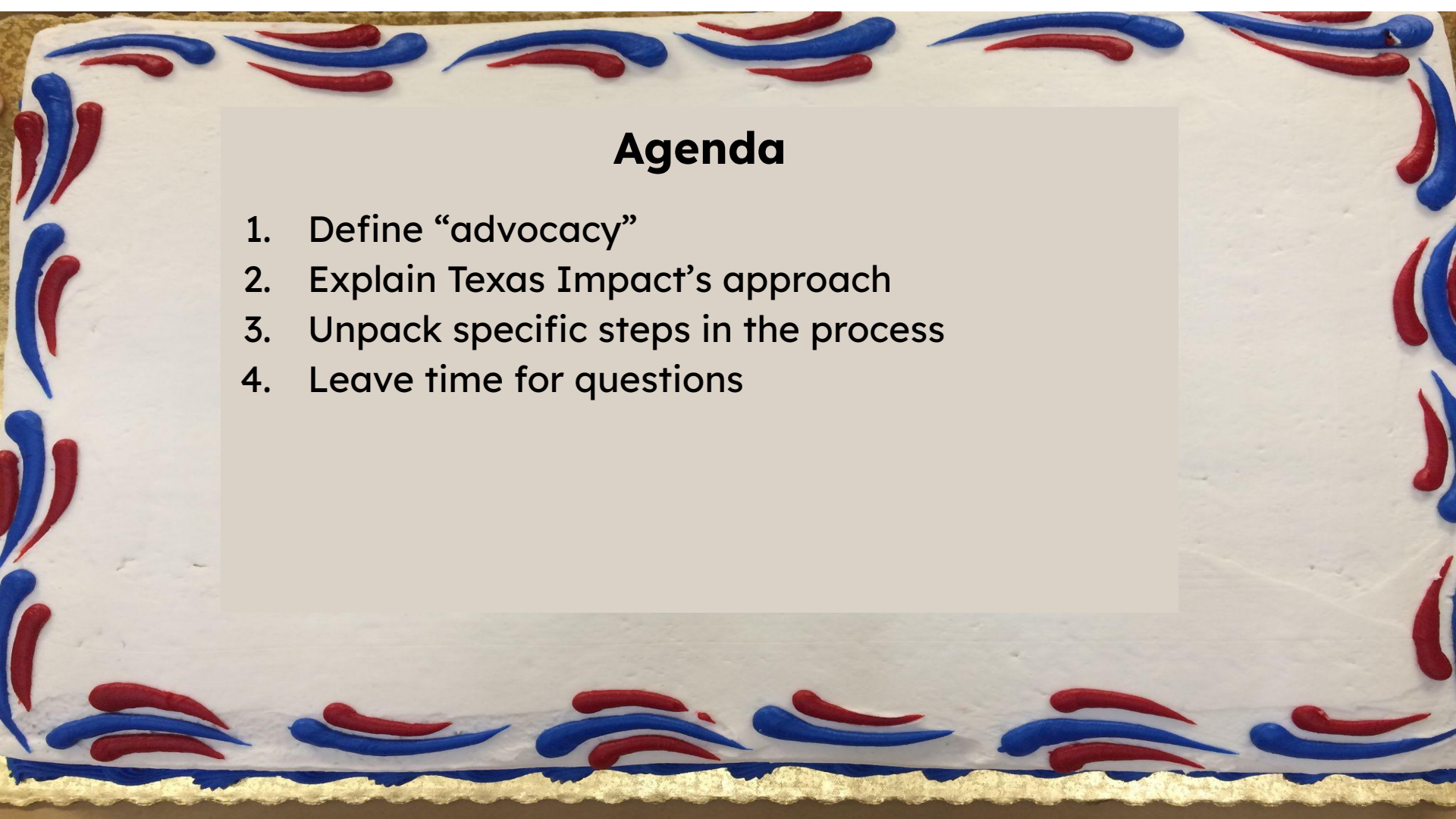
Skye Perryman—TIME 100 honoree and CEO of Democracy Forward—offers an urgent, inspiring blueprint for how ordinary people can fight for freedom in extraordinary times. The future of our country lies in all of our hands. From protecting voting rights and public schools to finding courage in the face of fear, Skye Perryman makes the case that defending democracy isn't the job of lawyers or politicians alone—it's a role for every one of us, seasoned and brand-new activists alike.

Drawing on her frontline experience challenging threats to democracy in courtrooms across the nation, Perryman combines gripping personal stories with practical “how-to” guides that empower readers to take action in their own communities.





Welcome
Advocates!



Agenda

1. Define “advocacy”
2. Explain Texas Impact’s approach
3. Unpack specific steps in the process
4. Leave time for questions

What do we mean by “policy advocacy?”

Encouraging a legislator to support or oppose a policy

- **Vote yes or no** on a bill or an amendment to a bill
- Be favorable or unfavorable to the **purpose** of a bill
- Be favorable or unfavorable to a **policy idea or direction**
- Includes influencing **other stakeholders** and influencers
- **All year**—not just during legislative session

Is it lobbying? Sometimes.

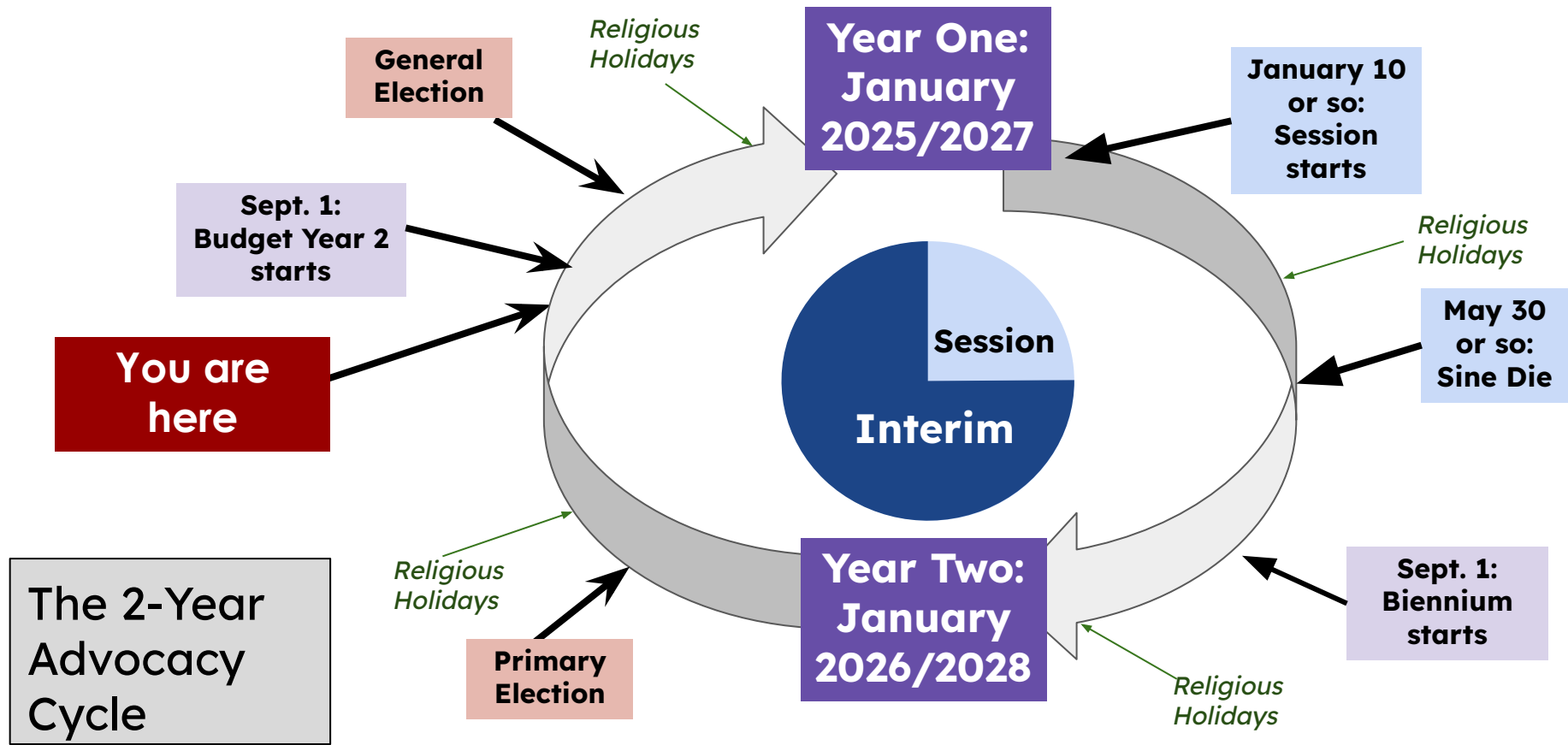
Texas Impact's Mission

The mission of Texas Impact is to provide a presence of religious social concern to the Texas Legislature, designed to **influence public policy for the common good**, especially on behalf of the poor, the disadvantaged, and victims of discrimination.

- **Mobilize** members of religious communities to speak out on issues of racial, economic, and social justice related to Texas state government
- **Equip** people of faith to have effective religious grassroots communication with Texas legislators

Okay, now: take a deep breath.

Really.



Texas Impact's Advocacy Structure

- Issue teams meet **year-round**
- Equipping events during the **interim**
- Issue agenda set **biennially** by faith community reps
- “Marching Orders Monday” during legislative **session**
- Mobilizing events at the Capitol during **session**

Home Base is the Action Center on our website

SEE THIS WEEK'S TO-DO LIST

TAKE ACTION!

Whether you are a seasoned advocate or a newly energized Texan ready to make a difference, we've got opportunities for you!



LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Contact information for your legislators, schedules for committee hearings, bill tracking, and more



ELECTIONS

Mobilize voters in your community, help your county administer the election, find out what's on the ballot, and more



JOIN AN ACTION TEAM

Build networks, plan events, and do shared projects with fellow advocates on the issues you care about



USE YOUR VOICE

Write a letter to the editor, call or visit a legislative office, educate your faith community, and more



STAY INFORMED

Sign up for emails, get recommendations for further study, follow Texas Impact

What's in the Action Center?

- Legislative information
- Election information
- Action Team links
- “How-to” for various advocacy actions
- Sign-up links for our content
- Weekly “to-do list” (year-round, not just in session)

Legislative Information



Legislative Session

During the 89th legislative session, Texas Impact members made more than 700 Capitol office visits and more than 16,000 calls to legislative offices!

For the most up-to-the-minute information during the legislative session, follow us on [Facebook](#) or [X \(Twitter\)](#). Join the Texas Impact Rapid Response Team to receive updated Texas Impact Action Alerts, or join an Action Team to dig into a specific issue you care about.

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Election Information



Elections

Free, fair elections, including the right of every citizen to cast a ballot that is duly counted, form the bedrock of American democracy. Voting rights are referred to as “the right preservative of all others,” since only through voting can the people of a community peaceably remove leaders who seek to oppress them. The world’s faith traditions collectively affirm voting as a responsibility both civic and spiritual: through voting, we express our preferences for the circumstances our neighbors will live in.

[Tools to mobilize voters](#)

[Tools to help you vote](#)

[Politics and the Pulpit](#)

[Vote 411 \(League of Women Voters\)](#)

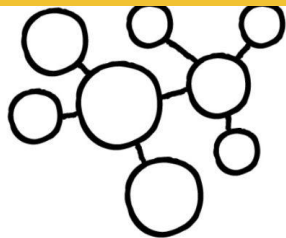
[Texas Secretary of State](#)

[Texas Ethics Commission \(campaign finance\)](#)

[People’s Guide to Voting Rights \(Democracy Forward\)](#)

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Action Teams



Action Teams

Texas Impact's action teams are the backbone of our year-round advocacy. Hundreds of team members attend weekly Zoom meetings with Texas Impact policy staff, where they stay up-to-date on policy developments and help develop Texas Impact's legislative strategies.



Public School Defenders

Ready to defend public education in Texas? Join our team of committed advocates and take effective action to oppose vouchers, unlicensed "chaplains," and other threats to our education system.



Reproductive Policy

This team focuses on resisting threats to reproductive health, as well as promoting policies to address current reproductive injustice. The team meets on Mondays at 5PM on Zoom. Join us!



Climate Action

Join the Climate Action Team for weekly discussions and action opportunities on climate and energy topics in the state of Texas.



Gun Violence Prevention

This team supports legislation that would intervene constructively to reduce gun violence, as well as "playing defense" against erosion of gun violence prevention measures. The team meets weekly on Zoom.

Action Teams-Detail



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Reproductive Rights & Women's Health

Home

- Abortion Access
- Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
- Women's Healthcare

Reproductive Rights & Women's Health

Are you concerned about the future of reproductive health care and the well-being of Texans? Do you want to make a meaningful impact during the 90th Texas Legislative Session but aren't sure where to start? If so, the Reproductive Rights Issue Team is looking for you.

Welcome!

During the 90th Legislative Session, the Reproductive Rights Issue Team will focus on some of the most significant issues affecting Texans today, including:

- Monitoring legislation that restricts access to abortion care, including medication abortion.
- Following the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee's findings and advocating for policy responses grounded in that data.
- Advocating for access to comprehensive women's health care, including contraception, prenatal care, and postpartum support.

“Use Your Voice” (how-to’s)



Use Your Voice



Visit or call policymakers

If you're like most people, the prospect of visiting a lawmaker's office about an issue or a bill sounds like as much fun as public speaking or getting your teeth cleaned...but there's no need to be nervous! Meeting in person with



Write a letter

Letters to the editor are great public policy advocacy tools! They help to shape public opinion, and they inform legislators about constituent concerns. Letters are also a great way to highlight your issue in your faith community.



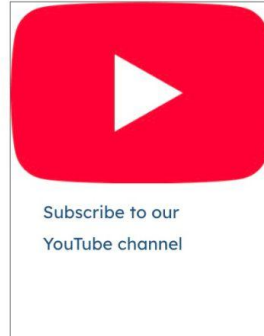
Educate your community

Public policy issues are often highly complex. They involve detailed factual information and thorough understanding of varied perspectives. An issue forum

Stay Informed



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Weekly To-Do List

During Session:

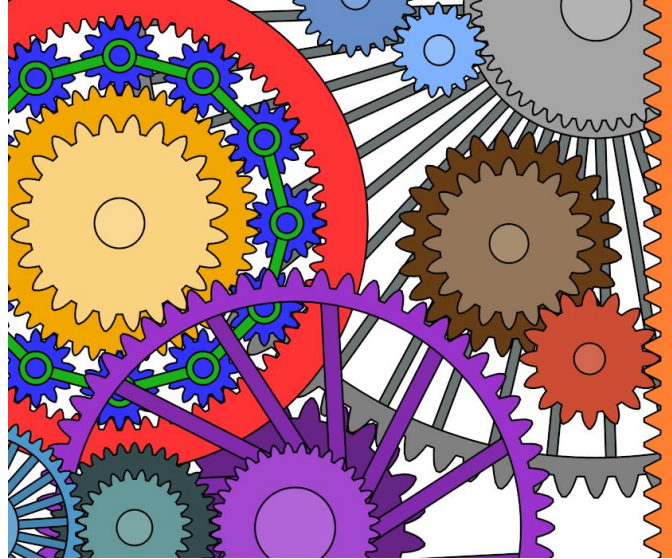
- **Call legislators about bills**
- Testify in committees
- Sign-on statements
- Attend events

During Legislative Interim:

- **Sign-on statements**
- Attend meetings
- Attend events
- Testify in committees

Scott's Rapid Response Network

- Marching Orders Monday
- Email Action Alerts
- Weekly throughout session
- More frequent in April & May
- Shareable content
- Engage your own networks







Questions?