



OEA & NEA Cyber-Lobbying



Be an OEA-ACE: Advocate for Children and Education

Convenient

- ★ Cyber-Lobbying is the convenient member-friendly way to do your part advocating for issues that affect public education.
- ★ Since most policy makers have access to technology, using this electronic means gives you direct access to policy makers.
- ★ No prior legislative or political action experience is needed.
- ★ It is the fastest and easiest way to be involved and do your part.

Fast

- ★ Cyber-Lobbying provides instantaneous delivery of your position to your elected officials.
- ★ When an important state or national issue is being considered by the State Legislature or U.S. Congress you will receive an e-mail describing the issue.
- ★ Compose an e-mail to your elected officials using a sample letter, suggested bullet points, and/or your own words.
- ★ You can also quickly recruit others to send messages to policy makers.

Creates a record of your position

- ★ Cyber Lobbying leaves a paper trail and an official indication of support or opposition to an issue. Your message of political activism supports OEA and NEA efforts.

Why use these sites and not another?

- ★ There is often sensitive information OEA and NEA can only communicate to "members only" without violating federal and state laws.
- ★ It allows OEA Governmental Services (GS) maintain a record of our member advocacy. GS needs the record to counter legislators who claim our members don't care about the issues we lobby. We have irrefutable proof through this medium.

How to Sign-up for OEA and NEA Cyber-Lobbying

Go to the OEA website at <http://www.ohea.org/get-involved> and

Click on Item #1, under "The Educator-Activist's To-Do List",

#1 "Take action online! Sign up to receive OEA action alerts and the Legislative Watch."

Go to the NEA website at <http://www.nea.org/home/19546.htm> and

Sign up to be a Cyber-Lobbyist