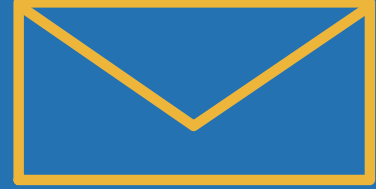


HOW SCIENTISTS CAN GET INVOLVED IN POLICY



1.) HOW TO GET IN CONTACT

- Letters or emails directly to the author of a bill
- Comments on specific bill
- Comments on proposed regulations
- Office visits
- Written or in-person testimonies for hearings



2.) RESOURCES

- [CA Assembly Information](#)
- [CA State Senate Information](#)
- [CA County Government Information](#)
- [Find your State Senate and Assembly Representatives](#)
- Legislator and Staffer Contact Info:
 - Search "[Legislator name] + BillTrack50"
 - Shows sponsored legislation, committees, and staffer contact info

3.) MORE RESOURCES



- [Specific Bill Information](#)
 - See status of bills and track their progress
- Find issues you care about:
 - [CA Assembly Committees](#)
 - [CA State Senate Committees](#)

4.) WHEN CONTACTING A LEGISLATOR

- Who in the office do you want to talk to?
 - Field representatives, constituent liaisons, legislative directors
- Have a working knowledge of legislator's goals and issues, as well as what you can reasonably ask them
- Prepare any outputs or materials to explain your research or your program's mission
- What is your ask? Your call to action for them?

5.) OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Network & relationship build with staff
- Fellowship in policymaker's office
- Volunteer in legislative office or on a campaign
- Letters to the editor or op-ed piece in newspaper
- Write a policy memo/article (e.g. JSPG, Science Magazine, other professional journals)
- Get involved with nonprofit & research organizations (CCST, PPIC)
- Get involved with advocacy organizations
- Pursue a career in policy
- Run for elected office

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