

# Our Independent Voice

## Advocacy tips to get started

Independent community pharmacists can follow these 7 tips to raise their collective voice and influence policy makers.

Step 01	<b>Set achievable goals:</b>	Plan to reach out to members of Congress twice a year
Step 02	<b>Send letters to your congressional leaders:</b>	Drop a line, or two, regarding issues that matter most to you and your business
Step 03	<b>Invite members of Congress to your pharmacy:</b>	Have them meet you staff and begin to build a relationship
Step 04	<b>Share how your pharmacy is part of the healthcare ecosystem:</b>	Help legislators understand what you do
Step 05	<b>Attend community events:</b>	Get involved locally and be politically active
Step 06	<b>Get to know your state representatives:</b>	Make a lasting connection and get to know them on a first name basis
Step 07	<b>Connect with other community pharmacists and community members:</b>	Work together and inspire others to get involved

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