

Using social media for advocacy



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Same as normal advocacy

- Be respectful
- Be concise
- Be credible
- and have the right zip code

Types of social media advocacy

- Congress
- Local
- Agencies and departments
- News outlets
- Friends and family



Your account

- Have a complete profile with picture (of you)
- Be active on the platform
- Geographic and professional cues

Find your target

- https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials
- Official vs. campaign
- Look for responsive accounts
- Journalists
- Communications staff
- Personal accounts



Write your post

- Follow the letter formula
 - Issue
 - Why important to you
 - Why important to constituents
 - Why listen to me
- What + Geography/Professional + Target Handle
- Look at what gets retweeted or favorited
- Don't be a troll



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