



# Advocacy Update

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## **Recess Visits with Members of Congress**

In August, Congress goes on “recess,” or takes a break from their D.C. legislating. However, this isn’t a total break for our representatives – most members of Congress spend their recess meeting with constituents in their home districts or states. This is an excellent opportunity to have the ear of your representatives and tell them what issues are important to you!

This year, [recess will take place](#) from August 3 through September 8. During this time period, many members of Congress will hold town halls in their home districts, where members of the public can ask questions about pertinent topics. Call your Senators’ and Representative’s office at 202-224-3121 and ask if there is going to be a town hall in an area by you.

You can also request a meeting with your member of Congress for your congregation, your Sisterhood, or even just yourself! Many [Senators](#) and [Representatives](#) have scheduling request forms on their websites – if not, you can always call their office at 202-224-3121 and ask to speak to the Scheduler. Tell the Scheduler that you are a constituent and want to meet with your Member when they are home over recess.

You can talk to your Member about [any social justice topic](#)! Pertinent policy issues that are WRJ priorities right now are [immigration](#) (particularly in the House of Representatives), [gun violence prevention](#), and [women’s health](#). While there aren’t necessarily particular bills regarding these pieces of legislation in Congress right now that we want to advocate specifically for or against, relaying WRJ priorities can help form legislators’ opinions on future bills, and can raise the profile of these issues for our representatives. Tell your member the principles important to WRJ (which can be found in our [resolutions](#) on the topic), ask them what concerns they have about pending legislation, and – most importantly! – ask what you can do as a member of your Sisterhood to help advance this important issue.