

# Preparing for the 104<sup>th</sup> ILGA Legislative Session

Going Home Coalition and REV UP Illinois

February 10, 2026



# Meet Our Team



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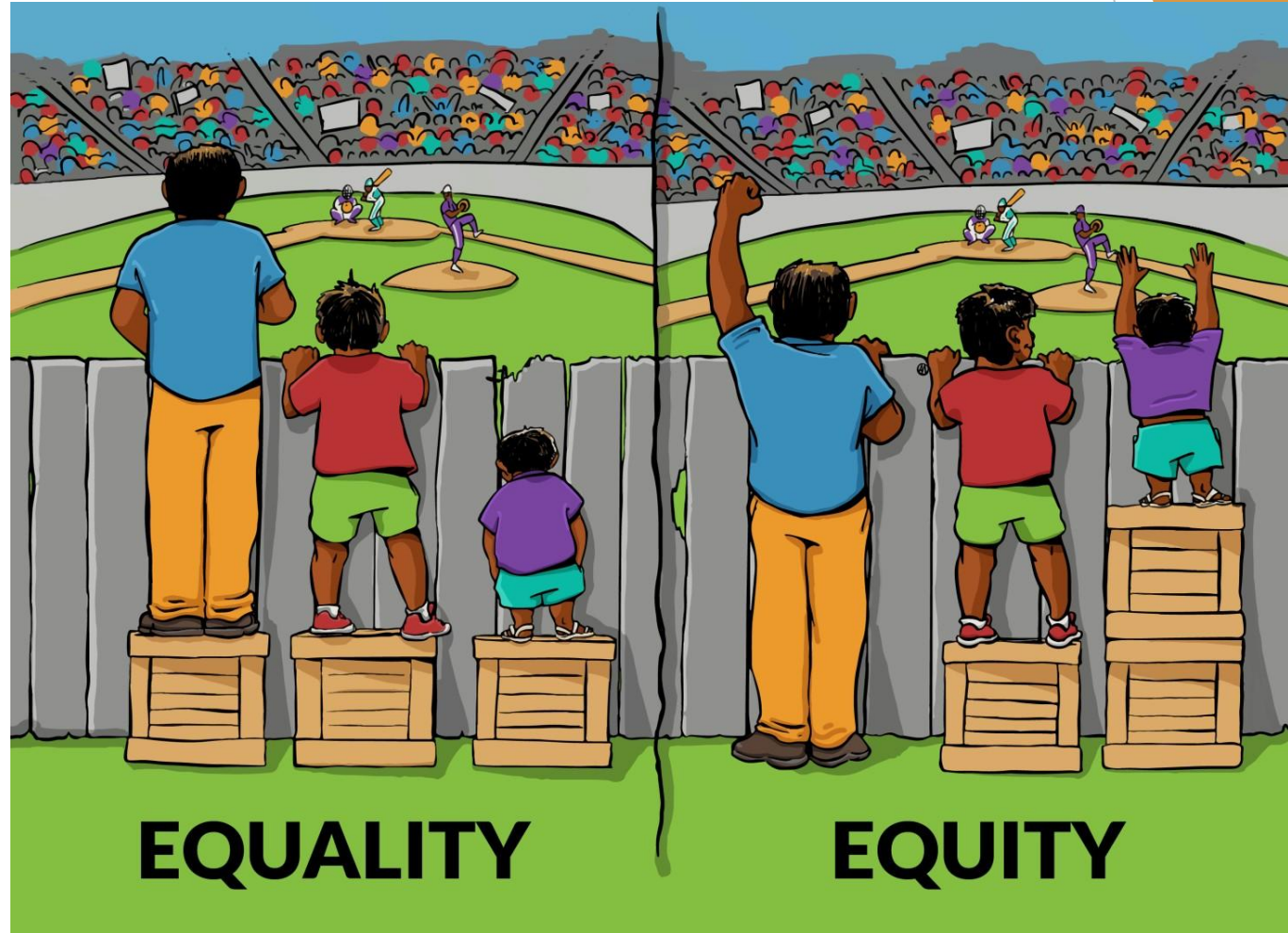
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- ▶ Captioning is available by pressing the “CC” button at the bottom of your zoom screen
- ▶ Please be respectful and curious!

# What We'll Cover

- ▶ What is advocacy and why is it important?
- ▶ A framework to understand how the IL General Assembly functions
- ▶ Legislation related to committees
- ▶ Asking your legislators to support a bill
- ▶ How to get involved in advocacy

# Equal versus Equitable

- ▶ **Equal:** treat everyone the same regardless of circumstances, identity, or needs
- ▶ **Equitable:** treat everyone fairly and justly, taking into account identity, circumstances, or needs
- ▶ When working as an ally to people with disabilities, we should aim to treat them equitably
  - Tailor support to the people you are helping
  - No two systems of support are the same



Via Interaction Institute for Social Change | Artist: Angus Maguire

# What is Advocacy?

Any action that  
speaks in favor of,  
recommends,  
argues for a cause,  
supports or defends,  
or pleads  
on behalf of self or others



Taking the Rotunda, ADAPT ADA Protest One Day After the Capitol Crawl.  
Washington DC Capitol Rotunda March 13, 1990. Photo by Tom Olin.

# Why Is Advocacy So Important?

- ▶ Advocacy helps create a more equal and equitable society
  - Individual, Self-Advocacy, and Systemic
- ▶ Advocacy has played a crucial role in making systemic changes happen since the beginning of U.S. History
  - Ending Slavery
  - Women's Suffrage
  - Civil Rights Movement
  - Labor Movement
  - Disability Justice Movement

# Why Is Advocacy So Important?

- ▶ Advocacy is more than just sharing your story, it is connecting to historical and contemporary movements
- ▶ Advocacy can be:
  - Grassroots Organizing
  - Grasstops Organizing

# Why Is Advocacy So Important?

- ▶ Disabled organizers advocates have fought for equality and inclusion for their communities for decades (and longer)
- ▶ The ADA was not signed into law until 1990
- ▶ Disabled people still face many of the same barriers that they have faced in the past
  - ▶ Discrimination
  - ▶ Lack of access
  - ▶ Infantilization
  - ▶ Legal Barriers

# Why Is Advocacy So Important?

- ▶ In our last presentation we discussed Voting for People with Disabilities
  - ▶ Voting is an accessible way that people with disabilities can participate in our democracy and collective decision-making
- ▶ Supporting our family members in making informed choices
  - ▶ Allows them to support who and what they believe in
  - ▶ Shows them we value their voice and opinion
  - ▶ Forms stronger relationships



Preparing for the Spring Session of the  
104<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly

# Get informed

- ▶ The Illinois General Assembly (ILGA) is the legislature of Illinois
- ▶ Meets in Springfield
- ▶ Each General Assembly term lasts two years (biennium)
  - ▶ Begins January of odd numbered years
- ▶ Bills must pass within the current General Assembly or they die
  - ▶ Bills can be reintroduced in a new General Assembly
  - ▶ They are assigned a bill number and start the process from the beginning

# IL General Assembly Components

- ▶ Two chambers (also called “houses”)
  - ▶ The Illinois House of Representatives - 118 Districts
  - ▶ The Illinois Senate - 59 Districts
- ▶ Primary Jobs:
  - ▶ Representation: for the residents of their districts (constituents)
  - ▶ Legislation: pass bills into law
  - ▶ Constituency Services: supports constituents with problems
  - ▶ Oversight and Investigation: make sure laws are carried out properly
  - ▶ General Assembly Leadership: running the ILGA

# IL General Assembly Sessions

- ▶ Two regular sessions
- ▶ Sessions have specified Legislative Days
  - ▶ This is when they are working “in session”
  - ▶ The other days they work “in district”
- ▶ Spring Session: January - May 2026
  - ▶ Senate Calendar: [2026\\_104th\\_GA\\_Senate\\_Session.pdf](#)
  - ▶ House Calendar: [2026\\_104th\\_GA\\_House\\_Session.pdf](#)
- ▶ Veto Session: October 2025

# How a Bill becomes a Law in Illinois

- ▶ Someone has an idea
- ▶ The Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) writes it in official language
- ▶ The bill can be introduced in either chamber (or house)
- ▶ Legislative numbers reset at the beginning of a General Assembly
  - ▶ Senate bill - SB0001; Senate Resolution SR0001
  - ▶ House bill - HB0001; House Resolution HR0001
- ▶ It must be read **three** times before it can pass the chamber
- ▶ Then it goes to the other chamber
- ▶ Once it passes both chambers, the bills are merged into one bill
- ▶ Then it goes to the Governor of Illinois to sign or veto

# How a Bill Passes a Chamber

## ▶ First Reading:

- ▶ A legislator must sponsor the bill in their chamber
- ▶ The bill is introduced when the bill title and number are read
- ▶ The bill is then assigned to a committee

## ▶ The committee:

- ▶ Reviews the bill, holds hearings, may make amendments
- ▶ Votes to pass it or not
- ▶ If it passes, it goes back to the chamber to be considered

# How a Bill becomes a Law in Illinois

- ▶ **Second Reading:** The title and number are read
  - ▶ The chamber is informed if amendments have been made
  - ▶ The chamber can add more amendments at this time
  - ▶ The chamber votes whether to pass the bill and keep it alive
- ▶ **Third Reading:** The title and number are read
  - ▶ The chamber can discuss and vote on the bill
- ▶ Bills that pass go to the other chamber and repeat the process

# How a Bill becomes a Law in Illinois

- ▶ Second Chamber:
  - ▶ It keeps the number of the originating chamber
  - ▶ A sponsor in that chamber introduces the bill
  - ▶ Repeats the process
- ▶ Bills that pass both chambers:
  - ▶ Are “reconciled” into one bill
  - ▶ Voted on chambers vote again
  - ▶ Sent to the Governor with a simple majority

# How a Bill becomes a Law in Illinois

- ▶ The Governor can:
  - ▶ Sign the bill into law
  - ▶ Do nothing - it becomes law in 60 days
  - ▶ Veto the bill
    - ▶ It returns to the General Assembly
    - ▶ It becomes law with a three/fifths majority vote

# The 104<sup>th</sup> IL General Assembly Calendar

## ▶ ILGA calendar Deadlines:

- ▶ Jan 16 Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) drafting requests
  - ▶ Feb 6 Bill Introductions
  
  - ▶ Mar 13 Senate Bills to be out of Committee
  - ▶ Mar 27 House Bills to be out of Committee
  - ▶ April 17 Third Reading of Bills in both House and Senate
  
  - ▶ May 8 Opposing chamber bills out of Committee
  - ▶ May 22 Opposing chamber bill Third Readings
  - ▶ May 31 Spring Session Adjournment
- ▶ **February & March:** be ready for lots of requests to contact your legislators and submit witness slips

# Witness Slips

the public record of the position  
a person or organization  
takes on a piece of legislation  
being discussed in a committee hearing

# Witness Slips

- ▶ Are important because they:
  - ▶ inform the legislators about public opinion
  - ▶ are read during the committee hearing
  - ▶ remain part of the official record
- ▶ Your Position can be:
  - ▶ Proponent - for the legislation
  - ▶ Opponent - against the legislation
  - ▶ No Position on Merits - no stated opinion but want a record of interest
- ▶ Your Testimony can be:
  - ▶ Oral in Person
  - ▶ Written Statement Filed
  - ▶ Record of Appearance Only

# How to Submit a Witness Slip

- ▶ Can be submitted online at [ILGA.gov](http://ILGA.gov)
- ▶ Any time from when the Committee Hearing is scheduled to one hour before the hearing
- ▶ Process looks complicated but is rather simple
- ▶ Bill wording can make it difficult to decide if you are a proponent or opponent
  - ▶ Call to Actions will often share what they recommend and why
  - ▶ Feel free to reach out to us for help understanding wording so you can decide your position

# Welcome to the Illinois General Assembly

State Sovereignty, National Union

## Senate

Floor Proceedings

Live

Today: Not In

Next Session: 2/3/2026

Schedules

Audio/Video

## House

Floor Proceedings

Today: Not In

Next Session: 2/17/2026

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## Legislation & Laws

Quick Links

- [Bills & Resolutions](#)
- [Public Acts](#)
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or

## Reports & Inquiry

### Common Reports

- House and Senate Bills Passed Both Houses
- Senate Bills Passed Both Houses
- House Bills Passed Both Houses
- Senate Bills With Public Acts
- House Bills With Public Acts
- Bills Pending Governor Action



Find My Legislator

### Additional Resources

- Legislative Support Services
- Employment Opportunities
- Ethics and Harassment & Discrimination Prevention
  - Training for Legislative Branch
- Harassment & Discrimination Reporting Information
- Legislative Inspector General



### Schedules

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## Senate Schedules - 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

### Daily Calendar

No session calendar at this time.

### Session Schedule

Thursday, January 29, 2026

Not In

Next Session:

2/3/2026

### Hearing Schedules

Committee Hearings

Legislation In Hearings

Today | Week | Month | Range

**2/3/2026 4:00 PM - Insurance**

400 - Capitol - Springfield, IL

Details

**2/4/2026 1:30 PM - State Government**

409 - Capitol - Springfield, IL

Details

**2/4/2026 3:00 PM - Local Government**

409 - Capitol - Springfield, IL

Details

**2/4/2026 4:30 PM - Consumer Protection**

409 - Capitol - Springfield, IL

Details

1. Click on these tabs to find the Committee Hearing your Witness Slip is for

2. Click on "Details"



# Hearing Details

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## Senate Consumer Protection Hearing Details - 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

### Hearing Details

Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-1(f), this hearing may include remote participation by witnesses. Individuals wishing to testify remotely must submit a request under the remote hearing process outlined on the General Assembly website. Witnesses who have been approved to provide remote testimony will participate via Zoom.

**Chair:** Willie Preston

**Vice-Chair:** Suzy Glowiak Hilton

**Minority Spokesperson:** Seth Lewis

**Date:** 2/04/2026 4:30 PM

**Location:** 409 Capitol Springfield, IL

**Posting Date:** 1/28/2026 4:18 PM

**Subject Matter:**

**Secretary of the Senate:** Tim Anderson

**Additional Hearings Scheduled:** There are no additional hearings at this time.

**Note:**  
Click here if you want more information about this bill



- bill status
- full text
- votes
- witness slips

To View Submitted Witness Slips We'll come back to this later

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### Bills Assigned To Hearing

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Bill #	Sponsor	ABR - Short Description	Last Action	Witness Slips
<a href="#">SB2737</a>	<a href="#">Willie Preston</a>	CONSUMER FRAUD-GROCERY COUPONS	Assigned to Consumer Protection	 





# Create Witness Slip

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## Consumer Protection Create Witness Slip - 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

**Location:** 409 Capitol Springfield, IL

**Posting Date:** 2/04/2026 4:30 PM

**Subject Matter:** Unavailable

### Witness Slip Information For SB2737

#### Identification

All fields are required unless noted as optional.

Name **1. name**

Address **2. street address**

City **3. city**

Illinois **4. state**

Zip **5. zip code**

Firm/Business Or Agency **6. N/A** **Only list your firm or title if you are officially representing a group or organization**

Title **7. N/A** **Type N/A for "Not Applicable"**

**The form won't submit if these lines are blank**

Enter Email **8. email**

555-555-5555 **9. phone number**

Fax Number (xxx-xxx-xxxx) (Optional)



### Representation

This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of a group, organization or other entity.

Representation **Leave this blank or type "Self"**

### Position

Add your position(s) on the legislative items.

Add Legislation **Click here**

Add Position

Add Position

No positions selected at this time.

### Testimony

Select the testimony that you will supply for the hearing. (Check All That Apply)

- Oral In Person
- Written Statement Filed
- Record Of Appearance Only

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Submit Witness Slip

Representation Section  
Only required if officially  
representing a group or  
organization

Position Section  
Step 1 of 5



### Representation

This section is to be filled if the witness is appearing on behalf of a group, organization or other entity.

Self

### Position

Add your position(s) on the legislative items.

Add Legislation

- ✓ Original Bill

Add Position

No positions selected at this time.

Add Position


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Position Section  
Step 2 of 5

This Witness Slip  
has only one option  
"Original Bill"



The drop down box  
may include other  
options if the  
Committee Hearing is  
later in the legislative  
process

A Call to Action may  
tell you which option  
to choose

You may also contact  
the Going Home  
Coalition for help





### Representation

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Representation

Position Section  
Step 3 of 5

### Position

Add your position(s) on the legislative items.

Add Legislation



No positions selected at this time.

Add Position

**Click here**



Add Position

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### Position

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Original Bill

No positions selected at this time.

✓ Add Position

Proponent

Opponent

No Position On Merits

← Choose one

### Testimony

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Position Section  
Step 4 of 5

Choose:

Proponent  
if for the bill

Opponent  
if against the bill

No Position On Merits  
if you don't want  
to share an opinion

but do want  
to record your  
interest in the bill



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Self

Position Section  
Step 5 of 5

### Position

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Original Bill

Proponent

No positions selected at this time.

Click here → Add Position


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### Position

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Add Position

Add Position

#### Your Legislation Positions:

- Original Bill - Proponent

Your position now shows here

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Testimony Section

This is the most common testimony



Select "Record of Appearance Only" if not also submitting spoken or written testimony



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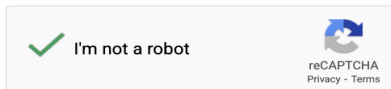
Original Bill - Proponent

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← 1. Click to agree to ILGA Terms of Agreement

← 2. Click to prove you aren't a robot

← 3. Click to Submit your Witness Slip



## Witness Slip Information

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### Witness Slip - Created

A Witness Slip was created and an email confirmation was sent to **your email will appear here**

Create Another Witness Slip

I Am Finished



**Choose "Create Another Witness Slip" or "I am Finished"**



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# Witness Slips for SB2737

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## SB2737 - 104th General Assembly (2025-2026)

Bill Status | Full Text | Votes | **Witness Slips** | Printer Friendly Version

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Legislation: SB2737

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**Upcoming Hearings:**

SB2737 Consumer Protection Hearing Feb 4 2026 4:30PM Capitol 409 Springfield, IL

Proponents: 4 | Opponents: 2 | No Position: 0

Filter Witness Slips

Name	Firm, Business Or Agency	Representing
<b>Hearing Date and Time: Consumer Protection (S) 2/04/2026 4:30 PM</b>		
David Schwartz	Self	Self
Jennifer Sands	n/a	
Karthik Ramalingam	n/a	Self
Matthew Slade	N/A	Self



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Representation

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Add your position(s) on the legislative items.

Dropdown menu for position selection

Add Position

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#### Your Legislation Positions:

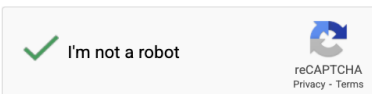
Original Bill - Proponent

### Testimony

Select the testimony that you will supply for the hearing. (Check All That Apply)

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Submit Witness Slip

1. Select if you want to submit a Written Statement

2. Written Statements are emailed separately to the committee chairperson

- follow guidelines for emailing legislators
- address the body of the email to the chairperson and members of the committee



# How to Advocate after the Hearing

- ▶ After a bill moves out of committee, it goes to one of the chambers to be voted on
- ▶ At this time, it is important to contact your state senators and state reps
  - ▶ Phone Call
  - ▶ Email
  - ▶ In person meetings

# Contacting Your Elected Official

- Tips:
  - Keep it brief but detailed
    - Phone calls should be 1-2 minutes
    - Letters/emails should be 1-1.5 pages
  - Be respectful to staff members
- Your email and phone call should include:
  1. Greeting and Introduction
  2. State Your Purpose
  3. Brief Personal Connection or anecdote
  4. Specific Ask
  5. Closing

# Contacting Your Elected Official by Phone

"Hello, my name is *(name)*. I am a resident of *(town, city, county)*. I am calling to ask *(Senator or Representative name)* to oppose/support *(bill or cause)*. This issue is important to me because *(insert personal anecdote regarding bill or cause and how it affects you personally)*.

As your constituent, I am asking that you represent the needs of your community by opposing/supporting *(bill or cause)*.

*Thank you for your time and for representing your community."*

# Contacting Your Elected Official by Email or Mail

*(Your Name)*  
*(Your Street Address)*  
*(Your City, State, Zip Code)*  
*(Your Phone Number)*  
*(Your Email Address)*

*(Date)*

*The Honorable (Representative's Full Name)*

*(Representative's Office Address)*

Dear *(Senator or Representative)*,

My name is *(name)*, and I am a resident of *(town, city, county)*. I am reaching out to you in regards to *(bill or cause)*. As your constituent, I ask that you support/oppose *(bill or cause)*. *(Explanation of bill or cause)*.

This issue is important to me because *(insert personal anecdote regarding bill or cause and how it affects your life or the life of those you care about)*.

I respectfully urge you to support/oppose *(bill or cause)*. Your support/opposition would benefit your constituents by *(insert reason here)*. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*(Your Name)*

# Finding Your Elected Official

The screenshot shows the ILGA.GOV website interface. At the top, there is a 'Translate' button, a 'Select General Assembly' dropdown menu, and a search bar for the '104th General Assembly'. The main navigation bar includes links for 'LEGISLATION & LAWS', 'REPORTS & INQUIRY', 'RULES & REGULATIONS', 'SENATE', 'HOUSE', and 'LOG IN'. A dropdown menu is open under 'REPORTS & INQUIRY', listing 'LEGISLATIVE REPORTS', 'SPECIAL REPORTS', 'FTP SITE', 'LEGISLATOR LOOKUP' (circled in red), and 'CAPITOL COMPLEX PHONE NUMBERS'. The main content area features a large image of the Illinois State Capitol building at night with the text 'Welcome to the Illinois General Assembly' and 'State Sovereignty, National Union'. Below this are three blue boxes: 'Senate' (Floor Proceedings, Today: Not In, Next Session: 2/3/2026), 'House' (Floor Proceedings, Today: Not In, Next Session: Not Scheduled), and 'Legislation & Laws' (Quick Links: Bills & Resolutions, Public Acts, Illinois Compiled Statutes, Illinois Constitution, Advanced Search). A URL bar at the bottom left shows 'https://www.ilga.gov/members/FindMyLegislator'.

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**LEGISLATOR LOOKUP**

CAPITOL COMPLEX PHONE NUMBERS

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### Additional Officials

#### U.S. Senators

  
**Dick Durbin (D)**  
United States Senate

  
**Tammy Duckworth (D)**  
United States Senate

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Michael E. Hastings (D)  
Senator  
19th District

House

  
Debbie Meyers-Martin

Your State Senator

Your State Representative

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House

Debbie Meyers-Martin (D)  
Representative  
38th District

Scroll to see your additional elected officials

Your Federal (U.S.) Representative

Your Federal (U.S.) Senators

Additional Officials

U.S. House

Sean Casten (D)  
United States House of Representatives

U.S. Senators

Dick Durbin (D)  
United States Senate

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## Michael E. Hastings (D) - 104th General Assembly



Michael E. Hastings (D)  
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### Biography

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## Debbie Meyers-Martin (D) - 104th General Assembly



Debbie Meyers-Martin (D)  
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Past village president and trustee of Olympia Fields; president, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association; community affairs marketing specialist for Illinois State Treasurer; former member, United Way Chicago South/Southwest Advisory Board, Moraine Valley Economic Development Council, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Economic Development Committee, Illinois EPA Commission on Environmental Justice; current member of Prairie State College's President's Advisory Committee; B.A. from the University of Illinois Chicago; mother of two daughters.

### Associated Senator:

# How To Track Legislation

- ▶ Connect with local advocacy organization and sign up for their newsletter
  - ▶ The Arc of Illinois
  - ▶ ICDD
  - ▶ Equip for Equality
  - ▶ Local CILs, for example: Access Living
  - ▶ League of Women Voters App
  - ▶ Voting Rights Lab
  - ▶ REV UP National

# Join REV UP Illinois & the Going Home Coalition

- ▶ Going Home Coalition Feb. 18: Governor's Budget Address Debrief with Samantha Alloway
  - ▶ Register for Feb 18 Going Home Coalition Governor's Budget Address Debrief
- ▶ REV UP IL March 4: Legislation to support with Frank Lally of Access Living
  - ▶ Register for Mar 4 REV UP Illinois Meeting
- ▶ Going Home Coalition March 11: Legislation to support
  - ▶ Register for March 11 Going Home Coalition Meeting

# What We've Learned Today

- ▶ Our goal by attending this webinar is to understand information and make it accessible to the people we support:
  - ▶ What advocacy is
  - ▶ What the Illinois General Assembly is
  - ▶ How to complete a witness slip
  - ▶ How to find your legislator
- ▶ See the recording of the January ILS/F2F meeting for ideas on making this information more accessible to those you support
- ▶ Invitation to attend GHC and REV UP Meetings
- ▶ Attend or watch Legislative Advocacy Series—Next Up How to Craft an Elevator Speech
  - ▶ Register: [2026 Legislative Advocacy Webinar Series - The Arc of Illinois](#)
  - ▶ YT: [\(1\) Going Home Coalition - YouTube](#)

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