



Advocacy Users Group

State-based advocacy and organizing

4/14/2016

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Blackbaud Announcements
 - New Luminate Advocacy Community
 - DC Advocacy event – May 4 @ the Spy Museum
 - Communicating with Congress Update
- State-based advocacy and organizing
 - Speaker – Caitlin Seeley George, Food & Water Watch
 - Speaker – Chris Widelo, AARP
- Discussion

INTRODUCTIONS



Sally Heaven
Lead Client Success Manager



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ADVOCACY USERS GROUP

- A space for all of our Advocacy clients to come together to discuss their advocacy work, using Luminate Online and best practices
- Open to all advocacy clients
- Meeting the 1st month of the quarter, the third Thursday of the Monday
- Next Meeting: July 21st, 2016

BLACKBAUD ADVOCACY IMPACT SUMMIT

- Join us for the **Blackbaud Advocacy Impact Summit May 4 from 9am -1 pm** at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC.
- Engaging sessions led by advocacy experts from Congressional Management Foundation, epolitics.com, and M+R
- Free!
- Lunch!
- Networking!
- Spy Museum Passes!
- Check out the full event agenda and **register today:**
<https://blackbaudadvocacyimpactsummit.splashthat.com/>

NEW ADVOCACY COMMUNITY SECTION!

- We have a new Advocacy Community section
<https://community.blackbaud.com/products/luminateadvocacy>
- Dedicated area in the Community for our Advocacy clients
- Post about anything advocacy related
- Connect with the Advocacy User Group members and Blackbaud Staff
- Steps for you to take to get notifications;
 - Subscribe to the **Advocacy Discussion board**
<https://community.blackbaud.com/forums/viewcategory/4>
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Rachel Simon posted

Blackbaud Advocacy Impact Summit in DC - May 4th

in Luminate | Luminate Advocacy on Apr 11 at 5:46pm EDT

Clear your calendar. It's here. It's happening. It's totally free. Join us for the Blackbaud Advocacy Impact Summit on May 4 from 9 am -1 pm at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC. This half-day event will be filled with engagi...

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Christopher Masak posted


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Posted by [Kristen Gastaldo](#) on Apr 14, 2016 8:54 AM EDT

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COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS UPDATE

- **436** US representatives currently use CWC forms:
 - Luminate Online Advocacy fully supports all migrated reps
 - Delivery rates are consistently at or above 98% across all client sites
 - All Reps have been moved to CWC although delivery issues exist for:
 - Puerto Rico
 - Samoa
 - Illinois (1 rep)
 - Northern Mariana Islands

State-based advocacy and organizing

FOOD & WATER WATCH



Caitlin Seeley George

Online Campaign Organizer

Caitlin Seeley George is the Online Campaign Organizer for the Western states, based in Denver. She works with field organizers in CO, NM, OR and CA to develop and implement online campaigns at the state and local level, and with our national team on email outreach for Food & Water Watch federal campaigns. Before joining Food & Water Watch Caitlin worked as the director of the Direct Mail program for USPIRG and Environment America, and as a field organizer in New England working on environmental campaigns.



Stop the DARK Act and Protect Our Right to Know What's in Our Food

National Campaign



Monsanto's Dream Bill Was Just Introduced Tell Your Senators to Support Real GMO Labeling

Dear Sarah,

Senator Roberts (R-KS) just released Monsanto's Dream Bill to prohibit state labeling of genetically engineered (GMO) foods

Ask your Senators to oppose this bill and any attempt to prohibit labeling of GMO foods.

Even if you've already taken action, it's really important that your Senators hear from you again now that the bill has been introduced.



Monsanto is Counting the Days Until the Vermont Labeling Law Goes Into Effect Tell Your Senators to Support Real GMO Labeling, Not the DARK Act!

Dear Sarah,

Thankfully we kept "Monsanto's dream bill" from passing last year, but with less than 5 months until the Vermont law requiring GMO food labeling goes into effect, the industry is in a panic and pushing harder than ever!

Ask your Senators to oppose any attempt to remove labeling for genetically engineered foods, and to fight for a clear, on-package mandatory labeling solution.

Even if you've already taken action, it's really important that your Senators hear from you again.

This Is Not a Good Way to Label GMOs:



Ask Your Senators to Oppose Any Bill Prohibiting GMO Labels or Creating QR Codes as a Solution to Labeling!

food&waterwatch

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Petition - Stop Monsanto's Dream Bill!

Update 03/16/16: Monsanto's Dream Bill was blocked on a Senate procedural vote, but could be brought back for a vote in April. Please take action below even if you have before.

The latest version of Monsanto's Dream Bill (S. 2609) would prohibit any state efforts to require labeling of genetically engineered foods (GMOs) and would create a voluntary labeling program that is designed to fail — and it already passed in the House of Representatives and has passed through the Senate Agriculture Committee. **We have to stop this bill in the Senate!**

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, an industry group that represents Monsanto, Nestlé, Dow and Pepsi, is pushing this bill because it would let them continue to keep quiet about their production and use of GMO foods.

We need to make sure our Senators hear from their actual constituents, since they're already hearing from the industry lobbyists. It's our right to know what is in our food, and corporations should not be allowed to keep us in the dark.

Sign below to send an email to your Senators. Personalize it to tell them why this issue is important to you!

**Your elected officials require the contact information below in order to receive your message.*



STOP MONSANTO'S DREAM BILL!

State Targets



Our Right to Know or Monsanto's Dream Bill? Tell Senator Bennet to Protect Coloradans, Not Monsanto

Dear Caitlin,

A bill that would block state efforts to label genetically engineered foods (GMOs) passed out of the U.S. House — and will soon go to a vote in the Senate.

Tell Senator Bennet to stand with Coloradans and our right to know what's in our food.

This bill has been called the DARK (Denying Americans the Right to Know) Act, and it is Monsanto's Dream Bill. It would prohibit states from requiring labels for GMO foods **and would stop states that have passed GMO labeling laws, like Vermont, from implementing them.**

GMO labeling is an important issue for Coloradans. In 2014, a labeling law, generating tens of thousands of signatures to get it passed, spent millions in misleading advertisements, Coloradans continue to demand our food.

Now, we need Colorado Senator Michael Bennet to support our right to know, by voting against Monsanto's Dream Bill. **The good news is that he has voted for labeling in the past, and we know that he can make the right choice.** Senator Bennet votes the right way, he needs to hear from us.



Sen

Tell Colorado Senator Bennet to Protect Our Right to Know!

Senator Bennet is deciding whether he will support or oppose a bill that would prohibit any state efforts to require labeling of genetically engineered foods (GMOs). This is Monsanto's dream bill!

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, an industry group that represents Monsanto, Nestlé, Dow and Pepsi, is pushing this bill because it would let them continue to keep quiet about their production and use of GMO foods.

We need to make sure Senator Bennet hears from his constituents that we need him to protect our right to know what's in our food.

Fill out the form below to send an email to Senator Bennet. **Personalize it to tell him why this issue is important to you!** Personalized letters have a greater impact, so please take an extra moment to edit the message.



Learn more about Genetically Engineered Foods (GMOs)

**Your elected officials require the contact information below in order to receive your message.*

Your information

• Required fields

• Title:

• First Name:

Message

• Subject:

Dear Senator Bennet,

• Personalize your message

State Text Message Sign Up



Any Day Now, Monsanto's Dream Bill Could Become Law

Sign up for Food & Water Watch Texts to Get Urgent Updates to Help Defeat This Bill!

Dear Caitlin,

Thanks for signing the petition asking Senator Bennet to protect state efforts to label genetically modified foods (GMOs)!

This fight is far from over. The Safe & Accurate Food Labeling Act, more accurately coined the "Deny Americans the Right to

If We Move Fast We Can Stop It!



STOP MONSANTO'S DREAM BILL!



Make Sure to Get All the Updates on How YOU Can Stop the DARK Act!

Sign up for text updates!

Texting is a great way to be among the first to hear breaking news or about a last minute event that a legislator is attending!

We likely won't know until the last minute when Monsanto's Dream bill will be introduced, and we will need to act quickly to make sure it is stopped.

We will also keep you posted on other big issues in Colorado, like our campaigns to protect antibiotics for people and to ban fracking. You can expect one or two texts per month.

Enter your mobile number to get fun and urgent actions right to your mobile phone!

Mobile Phone Number

Sign Up



By entering your **mobile number** into the *Mobile Phone Number* box, you will begin to receive fun/urgent text alerts, approximately three per month. ([Terms & Conditions](#)) If you do not wish to receive texts, leave this field blank. [Read more.](#)

Call Asks



Monsanto Doesn't Want You to Know If You're Eating GMOs Call 866-772-3843 and Tell Your Senators to Reject Monsanto's Dream Bill!

Dear Amanda,

Monsanto's dream bill is dangerously close to becoming law. This bill to block state efforts to label GMO foods passed in the House in July, so all eyes are on the Senate to stop this terrible bill this fall.

Call 866-772-3843 to tell your Senators to reject any bill that prevents mandatory GMO labeling.

Big Ag lobbyists are working hard to sway Senators in their favor, so it's critical that your Senators hear from you too. That's why we're joining with allies to flood Senate offices with calls — calls are the fastest, most effective way to get your message through to Congress.

1. **Call 866-772-3843 to be connected to your Senator's office.**
2. **When a staffer answers, tell them your name, where you're from, and say:**
"I'm a constituent and I care about my right to know what's in the food I eat. I want my Senator to vote NO on any bill that would take away mandatory labeling for GMO foods."
3. **If you call again, you will automatically be routed to**

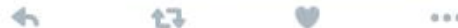
Ninety percent of Americans want genetically engineered (GMO) foods labeled. **are fighting hard to keep us in the DARK about what we're** cut into their profits if we're able to make more informed choices about what we buy at the grocery store.

That's why they're eager to pass the misleadingly named Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act, which would allow companies to keep putting GMOs in our food without telling us and **prevent states that**



FWWatch Colorado @FWWatchColorado · Feb 26

#DARKAct introduced: would stop states from labeling GMOs! Call @SenBennetCO & ask him to oppose it: 866-772-3843.



Petition Deliveries



Hi Katy,

Following up on Sarah's email below: we're hearing that the Senate has introduced any day — or worse, a **back-room deal in D.C. to block state efforts to label GMOs behind closed doors.**

You and over 200,000 others have sent messages to Congress that's not enough. With the stakes so high, **we need volunteers to deliver petitions to your Senator's office to make sure they get the message.**

Your Senator has a key role to play in whether or not GMO labeling is on the fence about which way to vote. **Can you help? Host a delivery event the DARK Act!**

To make matters worse, we just got word that **GMO salmon** is being introduced, ignoring opposition from scientists and consumers. That means we need to demand GMO labeling now!

We're looking for someone to lead this effort by picking a time to deliver petitions to a Senate office. We suggest going in next week, while Senators are in session during Thanksgiving recess. Once you set up a Delivery Event, it'll be easier for your community will be able to find your event and join you in person.

[Can you lead the delivery event to your Senator's office?](#)

Let me know if you have any questions!



Katy Kiefer
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Food & Water Watch
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Dear Katy,

Monsanto's allies in Congress are scheming to block efforts to label genetically engineered foods (GMOs). The bill we're calling the DARK Act — because it would **Deny Americans the Right to Know** — passed in the House over the summer and could move in the Senate before the end of the year. **Or worse, a back-room deal in DC could undermine GMO labeling efforts behind closed doors.**

We've collected over 160,000 petition signatures against the DARK Act — **including yours.** Over the next couple of weeks, volunteers are delivering petition signatures to key Senate offices across the country, and **there's a delivery planned near you.** Most deliveries are happening this week, before Thanksgiving.

[Can you join a petition delivery to stop the DARK Act and demand mandatory GMO labeling on food packages?](#)

What: Petition Deliveries to Senate Offices Across the U.S. to Stop the DARK Act
When/Where: Search for your zip code [on the map](#) and find the delivery near you!



Photo Petitions



No Weak Compromises, Only Transparency Show Senator Bennet With a Photo Petition Why He Must Vote NO on the DARK Act, Again!

Dear Caitlin,

Your calls, e-mails and letters helped stop the DARK Act in its tracks, and pushed Senator Bennet to vote NO on this bad bill — **twice!**

But, the fight isn't over yet. Big food corporations are trying to bring the DARK Act up for a vote in the Senate again, this time with "compromise" language — including a confusing, technology-reliant system that uses "QR codes."

But what's a QR code? Take a picture and ask Senator Bennet this question.

QR codes are those squares with black and white dots that you have to use a special app on a smartphone to scan, and then it will take you to a web page with more information. **These are not GMO labels — they don't give you any information, and many people don't know what they are or don't know how to use them!**

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, we are sending Senator Bennet photo



Take a photo like this

Show Senator Bennet why he must not compromise

The DARK Act is back! Sen Bennet might support a "compromise" that would block clear GMO labels and use confusing QR codes!

Reply ACT to take action!
-Lisa@FWW

This is the text message you're going to send.

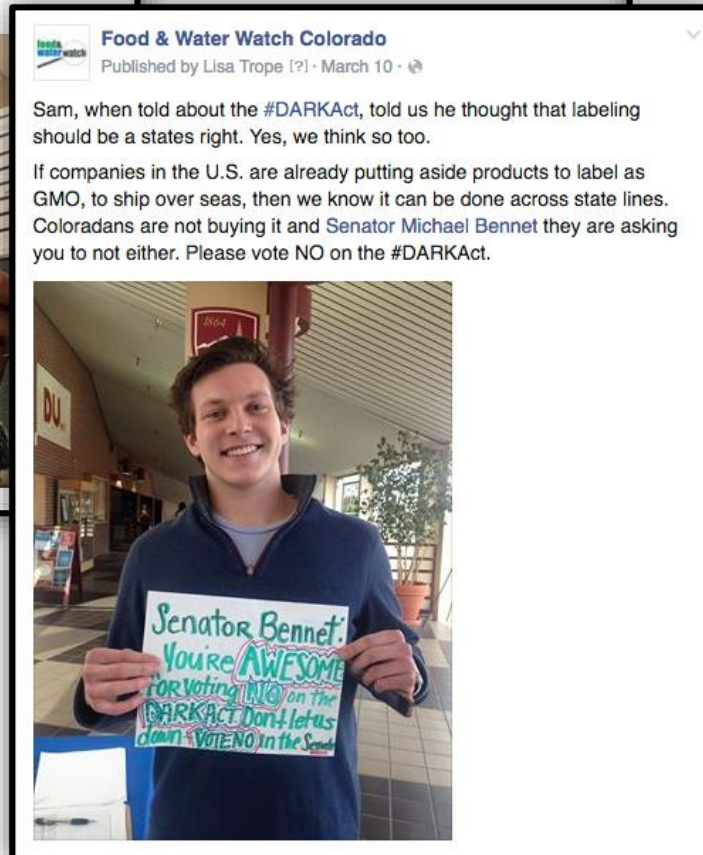
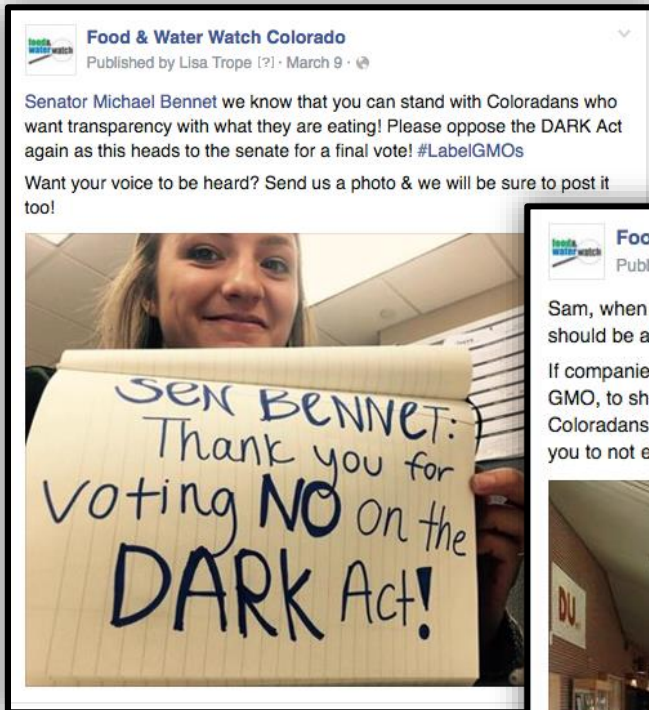
Lorem ipsum abracadabra! This is my response.

Joe User can respond with anything they like. Their responses will be in the inbox and in their profiles.



Can you take a photo like this one and post it on Facebook, asking Sen. Bennet to not compromise on the DARK Act & to not support QR codes?
Reply YES for instructions

Photo Petitions



Vote Updates

Ag. Committee Vote

Dear Sarah,

Update: One of your Senators voted against the bill to ban GMO labels in the Senate Agriculture Committee earlier this week.

Unfortunately the bill ended up passing out of committee by a 14-6 vote and is rumored to be taken up by the full Senate next week.

Can you send a message to your Senator right now, thanking them for their vote and asking them to continue to oppose Monsanto's Dream Bill when it comes up in the full Senate?

Thanks for taking action,

Sarah Alexander
Deputy Organizing Director
Food & Water Watch
act(at)fwwatch(dot)org

P.S. Want more information?
[out our website for the latest](#)

The DARK Act passed out of the Senate Ag Committee :(BUT Sen. Bennet voted no! Text CALL or dial 888-498-2945 to thank him & tell him to stay strong!
-Lisa FWW

You're sending this to Joe User. Ask them to reply and/or include your VoIP number in the message. They will be connected to CO DARK Act thank you calls Bennet LT0316.

Vote Updates

Senate Vote—DARK Act Blocked!



Together, We Blocked Monsanto's DARK Act!
Take Action: Find Out How Your Senators Voted and Send a Message.

The Bill to Ban GMO Labels was blocked! Find out how your Senators voted and send a message —




We won a vote in the Senate that temporarily blocked the DARK Act! If passed, this bill would ban state laws to label genetically engineered foods.

This vote was a major setback for the Big Food lobby, but we know that Monsanto is on Capitol Hill right now trying to figure out how they will bring this back up before Vermont's mandatory labeling law goes into effect in July.

See how each of your U.S. Senators voted on the DARK Act — then click the link below their photo to send a message to thank them for their vote or hold them accountable.

Advancing Monsanto's DARK Act in the Senate

Mar 16, 2016
Senate Roll call 37
114th Congress 2nd Session
Failed: 48-49

Vote:	Roll call 37
Votes For:	48 
Votes Against:	49 
Not Voting:	3 

This bill would ban state laws to label genetically engineered foods (GMOs), and is a blatant attempt to keep consumers in the dark about what we're eating.

To find your elected officials, please enter your ZIP Code. If you live in a split district, you may need to enter your full address.

ZIP Code: -

You can search the list by legislator name or by the state code.

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How Did Your Senators Vote?
[Find Out!](#)

Roberts, sponsor of the Senate bill, claiming ridiculous increases in food prices that were put out by an industry group and simply not true.² And many high points, like Senator Merkley from Oregon exposing each of the fake labeling schemes that are being considered as "compromises"— like a 1-800 number, QR codes and websites that severely limit access to labeling information.

Thanking Sen. Bennet



Food & Water Watch Colorado via **Food & Water Watch**

Published by Lisa Trope [?] · March 22 at 12:02pm ·

Thank you [Senator Michael Bennet](#) for standing with 93% of Americans who want GMO labeling. Be sure to let your constituents know your vote! Be sure to let your constituents know your vote!

[Senator Cory Gardner](#) did not vote the right way. Be sure to let your constituents know your vote! Be sure to let your constituents know your vote!



DARK Act Vote Center -- Food & Water Watch

Take action with Food & Water Watch to help keep our food and water safe, clean, and sustainable.

ACT.FOODANDWATERWATCH.ORG



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Congrats! The [#DARKAct](#) did not pass today & @SenBennet voted no! This fight is not over but this is a huge victory!
<http://bit.ly/1U85pn0>



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Angela Neal

Grassroots Advocacy in the Campaigns
Unit at AARP working mostly in direct mail
and on-line fundraising.





Chris Widelo,
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Statewide Issue: Paid Family Leave



New York

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AARP: Paid Family Leave Will Provide Critical Support to NY's Family Caregivers

Comments: 0

ALBANY, New York – Statement by AARP NYS Director Beth Finkel on the paid family leave provision in the 2016-17 State Budget: “This strongest-in-the-nation paid family leave program announced by the Governor and legislative leaders will undoubtedly provide critical support to New York’s family caregivers, allowing them to take care of our aging parents, spouses and other family members without worrying about losing their job or all their income. “AARP applauds Governor Cuomo and the Legislature for their bold leadership ...

Local Issue: NYC Affordable Housing



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AARP Continues Affordable Housing Advocacy for Last Leg of City Council Negotiations

Comments: 0

200,000 seniors are currently on waiting lists for affordable housing in NYC. And right now, the NYC Council has the opportunity to pass a commonsense measure that will give aging adults the chance to access affordable housing, by supporting Mayor de Blasio's Affordable Housing plan which will create at least 10,000 new affordable units for seniors and 200,000 total affordable units throughout the city over the next decade. Senior housing is too vital — we can't allow the status quo, antiquated ...



Aarp McNally with Christopher Widelo and 8 others.

January 14 - Albany · 🌐



Yesterday, AARP NY volunteers and staff from around the state gathered to watch Governor Andrew Cuomo's State of the State address and listened for how he would propose to help family caregivers, make New York State more age-friendly, and create ways for more people to have access to workplace savings. Today, AARP NY volunteers and staff will fan out across the state advocating to have these issues addressed in the final state budget.



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DON'T LEAVE THE NEEDS OF THE 50+ OUT OF THE STATE BUDGET



TELL YOUR LEGISLATOR THAT THE STATE BUDGET SHOULD REFLECT THE NEEDS OF OLDER NEW YORKERS

Governor Cuomo just unveiled his Executive Budget. As legislators and the Governor begin budget negotiations, let's ensure the needs of New York's 50+ are not forgotten! Send a letter to your Senator and Assemblymember today.

RECIPIENTS

- Targeted recipients based on your address

CONTACT

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● Title:

● First Name:

MESSAGE

Don't Leave New York's 50+ Out of the State Budget!

Dear Legislator,

As you begin budget negotiations, don't forget the needs of New York's 50+ population.

Many older New Yorkers are family caregivers, providing unpaid care for loved ones.

Dear Angela,

Nearly 2.6 million New Yorkers perform a great labor of love, caring for older parents, spouses and other loved ones so they can live independently at home. These family caregivers provide unpaid assistance with activities including bathing and dressing, as well as complex medical tasks like administering medication and wound care. Most also hold down full-time jobs. These unsung heroes need our support. [Please tell lawmakers to support caregivers by passing Paid Family Leave.](#)

Family caregivers who work shouldn't have to worry about losing pay - or losing their jobs - when they need to take their loved one to the doctor. Your legislator can help by adopting Paid Family Leave, an insurance program that would allow family caregivers access to a limited amount of paid time off from work. This commonsense solution would support family caregivers so they can provide the best care for their loved ones, without worrying about losing their pay - or their jobs.

We're just days away from the budget deadline in Albany, and that means we could be just days away from supporting family caregivers by establishing a Paid Family Leave insurance program in New York. **We need your help to get it over the finish line!**

[Please click here to urge your state legislators to support family caregivers by including Paid Family Leave in the final state budget.](#)

Sincerely,

[Support Family Caregivers](#)



[Click here to tell your lawmaker to bring Paid Family Leave to NY!](#)



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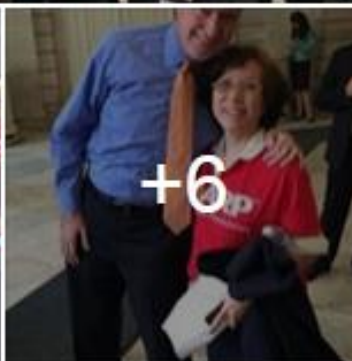
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AARP New York added 9 new photos to the album:
Affordable NYC Rally at City Hall with Mayor de Blasio.
March 9 · 🌐

AARP rallies on the steps of City Hall to ask asks members of the NYC Council to support the Mayor's affordable housing plan. Lend your voice:
<http://spr.ly/6188BeQtm>



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AARP Continues Affordable Housing Advocacy For the Last Leg of City Council Negotiations



200,000 seniors are currently on waiting lists for

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Dear Angela,

New York is a GREAT CITY, but it is an expensive and aging city. 200,000 seniors are currently on waiting lists for affordable housing in NYC.

And right now, the NYC Council has the opportunity to pass a commonsense measure that will give aging adults the chance to access affordable housing, by supporting Mayor de Blasio's Affordable Housing plan which will create at least 10,000 new affordable units for seniors and 200,000 total affordable units throughout the city over the next decade.

Senior housing is too vital -- we can't allow the status quo, antiquated ideas about parking space, or unreasonable building height restrictions to get in the way of affordable senior housing.

We need the City Council to pass ZQA (Zoning for Quality and Affordability) as part of the Mayor's affordable housing plan!

Today, please call your City Councilor, [Paul Vallone](#), at 718-619-8611 and ask him to support ZQA as part of Mayor de Blasio's affordable housing plan!

We need affordable housing to help keep our aging adults remain in their community.

Sincerely,



Please Call Today:

Council Member Paul Vallone!

Tell Council Member Vallone: "We need affordable senior housing for NYC's rapidly aging population. The status quo cannot continue. Please vote to pass ZQA and the Mayor's affordable housing plan!"

Phone number: 718-619-8611

Dear Angela,

Yesterday I sent out an email asking you to join us at an affordable housing rally on Wednesday, December 16th. **There has been a change in the time for the rally on Wednesday to coincide with a hearing** happening on the affordable housing proposal also happening at Bowling Green.

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Hearing on the NYC affordable housing plan at the Museum of the American Indian (Bowling Green)

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Affordable housing rally on Bowling Green. We will meet in front of the Museum of the American Indian.

If you already RSVP'd, I hope that you can still join us for the rally and come to the hearing as well. No further action is needed.

If you have not responded yet, I hope you can join us for the hearing, rally, or both!

[Register to join us!](#)

Last week AARP issued a statement of support for the Mayor's affordable housing plan. The rapid growth in the population of older residents requires the city to keep pace in supporting affordable housing for seniors, many of whom already struggle to pay rent on fixed incomes.

An AARP survey this year found over 60% of the city's Generation X and Baby Boomer voters are concerned about affording their rent or mortgage in the coming years, with

Affordable Housing Hearing

Wednesday, December 16th
9:00-10:15 a.m.

[Museum of the American Indian](#)
[Bowling Green](#)

Affordable Housing Rally

Wednesday, December 16th
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

[Bowling Green](#)

[RSVP NOW!](#)

For the rally we will meet in front of the [Museum of the American Indian on Bowling Green.](#)

4,5 Trains to Bowling Green
N,R Trains to Whitehall
X27, X28 Bus to BDWY/Battery Pl.
M5 Bus to Broadway/Morris St.

ADVOCACY ALERT



New York

Dear Angela,

On Wednesday, January 27th, AARP will join **New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer** for an important forum on affordable housing for older NYC residents. [We hope that you can attend!](#)

[Register for this event now!](#) **Seating is limited.**

Affordable housing is one of the biggest concerns facing NYC residents. **This is your opportunity to hear from Mayor de Blasio and other elected officials on their plans to create and preserve affordable housing for older NYC residents.**

It is important that our voice is heard at this crucial forum on the Upper West Side on Wednesday, January 27th at 5pm. To register for this free event, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

Chris Widelo, Associate State Director
AARP New York City

**Wednesday, January 27th
5-6:30 p.m.**

**Lincoln Square Neighborhood
Center**

250 West 65th Street
New York, NY
(b/t West End and Amsterdam)

1 Train to Lincoln Center M11, M57
& M66 Buses

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Thanks!



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