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**HLAA's  
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**Working  
to  
Represent  
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## Who Are We and What Do We Do?

The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) and the Michigan State Association (HLAA-MI), advocate for issues that benefit the larger community of people who are hard of hearing.

Some of these issues are legislative –in Congress or the Michigan State Legislature. Other issues relate to general access to benefit the community of people with hearing loss.

**“Hard of hearing”?** Hard of hearing means a person who has hearing loss ranging from mild to profound. Hard of hearing people use their residual hearing, a hearing aid, a cochlear implant, hearing assistive technology, communication access realtime translation (CART), speech reading, or other communication strategies – and remain in the hearing world.

**We are all one organization.** HLAA, HLAA-MI, and our local chapters are all one organization and provide mutual support for issues at both national and state levels.

## Become an Advocate!

### With governments:

- ★ Know who represents you in Congress and the State Legislature:
  - ✓ Check your voter registration card.
  - ✓ Go to...
    - [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
    - [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)
    - [www.michiganvotes.org/find.aspx](http://www.michiganvotes.org/find.aspx)
- ★ Get to know your state representative and senator by attending local coffee hours or by visiting his/her local office.
- ★ Subscribe to your legislators' newsletters (emailed or sent by postal mail).

- ★ Learn how to influence legislators through organizing, making personal contacts, letter-writing, email, and signing petitions.

✓ [www.legislature.mi.gov/publications/citizensguide.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/publications/citizensguide.pdf)

### With HLAA:

- ★ Check the HLAA website for advocacy alerts.
  - ✓ [www.hearingloss.org](http://www.hearingloss.org)
- ★ Join and maintain your HLAA membership.
  - ✓ [www.hearingloss.org/content/join](http://www.hearingloss.org/content/join)
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