

## Advancing Equity Through Advocacy

### AAUW Resources

#### Public Policy and Government Relations

**Action Network and Two-Minute Activist.** These are two components of AAUW's e-advocacy efforts. Anyone with an e-mail address can subscribe to *Action Network* to receive urgent notices to contact their members of Congress. Using *Two-Minute Activist* it takes just two minutes to make your voice heard—one minute to read, one minute to act! This resource is also a great way to give potential members a taste of AAUW's advocacy work. AAUW members can also find detailed information on legislation currently under consideration in Congress and write letters to the editor. Just visit <http://capwiz.com/aauw>.

**Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Manual.** This manual provides help to AAUW branches and states who are interested in reaching out to women and mobilizing them to vote. Topics covered include: planning a campaign, recruiting volunteers, identifying the drop-off women voters in your community, working with coalitions, canvassing, and phone banking. To download the manual visit <http://www.aauw.org/onevote> or call to order a copy.

**Pay Equity Resource Kit.** This resource kit contains a variety of useful resources to help you take action on Equal Pay Day and beyond. We've included information about state and federal legislation, and step-by-step suggestions to help you pursue pay equity projects. To download visit [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy) and click on "Pay Equity".

**Position papers.** To provide easily accessible information on issues of importance to you, AAUW disseminates in-depth explanations of current public policy priorities. For constantly updated position papers on AAUW's priority issues, visit [www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy).

**AAUW Congressional Voting Record.** AAUW members have a long history of lobbying Congress and holding their legislators accountable for how they vote on AAUW priority issues. The *AAUW Voting Record* informs AAUW members of positions taken by their senators and representatives on AAUW's federal legislative priorities. Copies of the voting record for the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress are available at [http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/voter\\_ed/votingrecord.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/votingrecord.cfm).

**Public Policy Program brochure.** AAUW's Public Policy Program establishes the federal action priorities on which AAUW members across the country will focus their advocacy efforts and guides the work of the national staff. The adoption of the Association's two-year Public Policy Program at each national convention is the culmination of a process involving AAUW members nationwide. Information about and copies of the 2007-09 Public Policy Program brochure are available online at [http://stageaauw.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/upload/2007-09-PPP-brochure.pdf](http://stageaauw.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/upload/2007-09-PPP-brochure.pdf).

**Congressional Legislative Agenda.** For each new Congress, AAUW develops a legislative agenda based on the Public Policy Program but with more specific recommendations and tailored to reflect both the political landscape and the Congressional calendar. Please view the agenda for the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress at [http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/upload/110thAgenda.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/upload/110thAgenda.pdf).

**Washington Update.** This weekly members-only e-mail bulletin for AAUW public policy leaders offers an insiders view on the public policy process, the latest policy news, programming ideas and updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department. Information about joining this list is available online at

<http://www.aauw.org/publications/washupdate/index.cfm>.

**Affirmative Action Resource Kit.** AAUW's Affirmative Action Resource Kit contains information on state-based anti-affirmative action initiatives and a variety of useful resources for taking action against them. It also contains step-by-step suggestions to help you plan a counter campaign and turn out voters to defeat such measures. To download a copy, go

to [http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/affirmativeaction.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/actionpages/affirmativeaction.cfm).

**E-Cards.** The AAUW website offers e-cards that you can send to friends and colleagues. These are tools to help remind others of significant events or important ways to take action. The AAUW Power of One Vote e-card can be found at

[http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue\\_advocacy/voter\\_ed/voterEdCard.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/issue_advocacy/voter_ed/voterEdCard.cfm), and the pay equity e-card can be found at <http://www.aauw.org/postcards/payequity.cfm>.

**Technical Assistance.** AAUW policy staff is available to provide technical assistance and training to improve branch and state advocacy capacity. From ideas for Equal Pay Day to get-out-the-vote training, from preparing for an in-district meeting to putting together a lobby day in your state capital, policy staff can provide information, resources, tools, and support as you work to move AAUW's mission forward through grassroots work, and at the same time create visibility for your branch and state. Contact the Public Policy and Government Relations Dept. at 202/785-7793 or by e-mail at

[VoterEd@aauw.org](mailto:VoterEd@aauw.org)

## Legal Advocacy Fund

### *Resource Library*

The LAF online resource library, is a reliable destination for accurate background information, legal facts, statistics, and credible outside resources on issues of sex discrimination. Topics include pay equity, tenure, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and Title IX. Visit the Resource Library at <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/lafnetwork/library/index.cfm>.

### *Campus Outreach*

The Campus Outreach project is intended to campus outreach initiative to educate students and staff about sex discrimination issues; share ways to address and prevent sex discrimination; and provide action steps toward creating a more equitable campus climate. To learn more about the ongoing campus outreach and about hosting such an event, please visit:

<http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/campusOutreach.cfm>.

### *Research Reports*

Access AAUW research reports *License for Bias: Sex Discrimination, Schools, and Title IX*, *Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia (2004)*, and *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* for important information on sex discrimination in America. Visit these at

<http://www.aauw.org/research/index.cfm>.

*If you have additional ideas for resources, please contact the Leadership and Training Institute (LTI) at [liti@aauw.org](mailto:liti@aauw.org)*