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Philanthropy's Voice in the Policy Process

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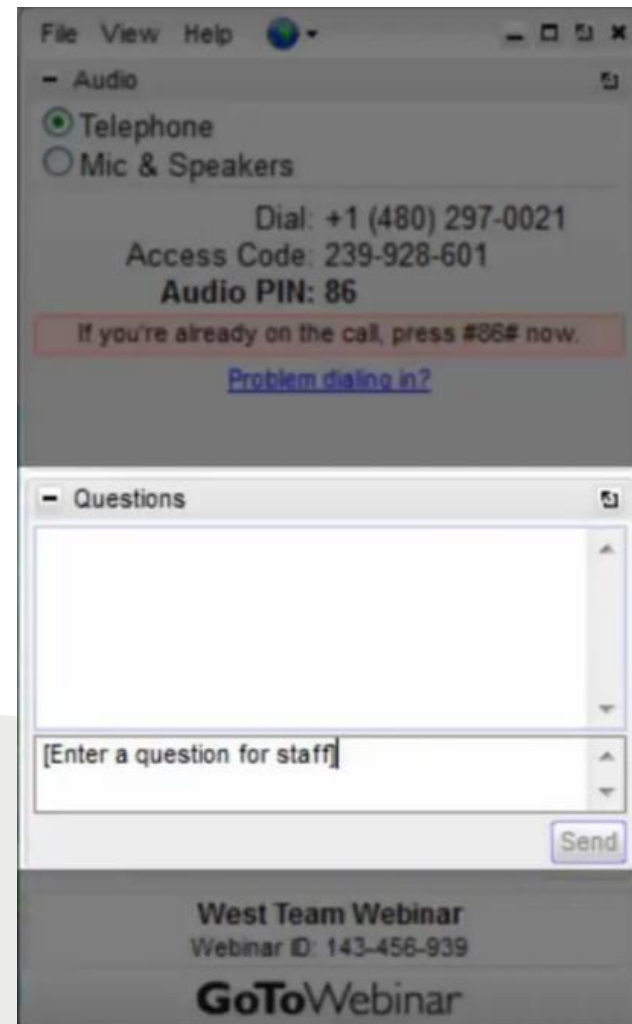
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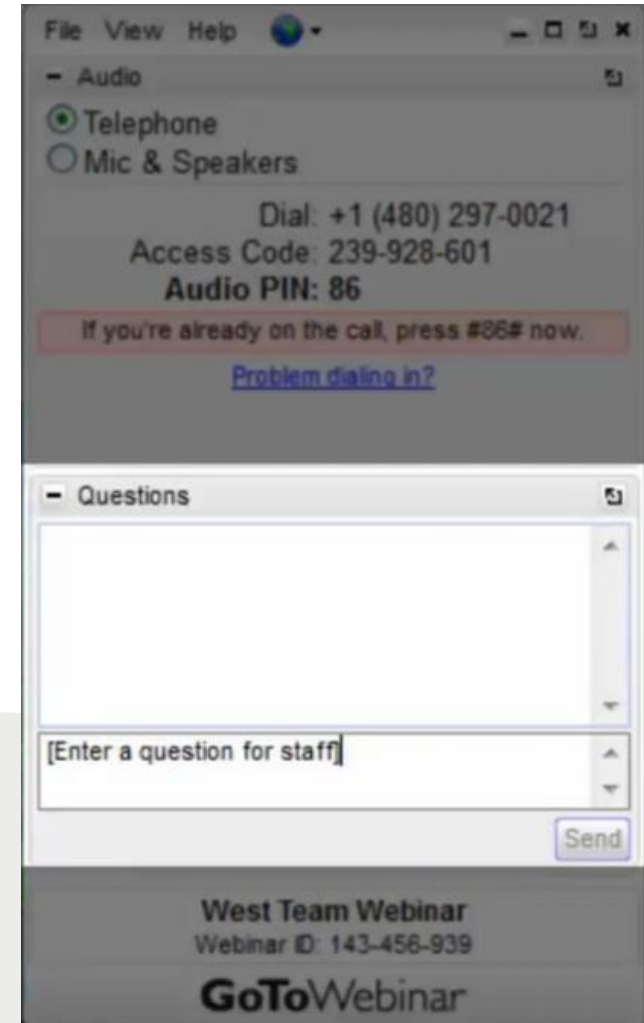
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We will do our best to address questions as they come in!





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What's Happening in Washington?

Current Lay of the Land



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Lay of the Land

- **Elections are top of mind right now**
 - We are not likely to see much legislative movement over the next couple of months
- **But, tax reform is on the horizon!**
 - Speaker Ryan's Tax Reform Blueprint
 - Chairman Hatch's forthcoming corporate integration plan
 - Tax reform in Republican and Democratic party platforms



What is the Council Doing?

*Republican & Democratic
National Conventions*



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Policy Forum on Conservative Thought and Environmental Sustainability

Republican National Convention
Cleveland State University Law School, Ohio

July 20, 2016 • 12:00 to 4:00pm



ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF FOUNDATIONS TO LEVERAGE ENDOWMENTS STRATEGICALLY

Philanthropic endowments allow foundations to operate with a long-term focus in addressing difficult social issues.

Policymakers should acknowledge the importance of philanthropic endowments and recognize that these endowments are critical to sustain our communities.

FORTIFY TAX POLICY TO ALLOW PHILANTHROPY TO FLOURISH

Thoughtfully crafted tax policy is critical to keep pace with a vibrant and dynamic philanthropic sector, and ensure the ability of philanthropic organizations to fulfill their missions in support of the common good.

As Congress considers tax reform, lawmakers should ensure the most positive environment for foundations, philanthropic giving vehicles, and individual giving incentives.

ASSURE PHILANTHROPY IS A KEY STAKEHOLDER IN FEDERAL POLICYMAKING

Our nation benefits from the collaboration between government and the philanthropic sector.

We urge policymakers to create a climate in which continuing engagement with philanthropic organizations is integrated into federal operating practices.

SUPPORT THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN PHILANTHROPY

Throughout our nation's rich history, the philanthropic sector has demonstrated its resilience in responding to both community needs and national crises.

Policymakers should celebrate philanthropy's history, support the giving trends of today, and enable philanthropy to flourish in the future.



Your Voice Matters!

*Your Elected Officials
Want to Hear from You*

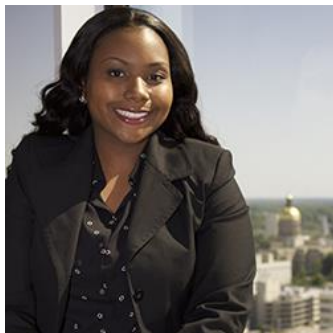


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There's No Time Like the Present!

How to Engage with your Policymakers



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Activate in August... or Any Time!

The Council's Advocacy Toolkit



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ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

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The Advocacy Toolkit is designed to be a central resource for Council members and others engaged in the philanthropic space to learn about **why** it is important—now more than ever—for philanthropy to have a voice in policy, **how** to effectively use advocacy and lobbying to advance your mission, **what** the most critical or priority “asks” are for the sector at any given time, and to better understand the key **policy issues** that are top-of-mind for our sector.

WHY ENGAGE?

Learn why it's important for you to engage on behalf of the philanthropic sector.

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HOW TO

Get all the information you need to successfully engage with your lawmakers.

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THE "ASKS"

Take action by asking your lawmakers to support current legislation.

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KNOW YOUR STUFF

Prepare by getting familiar with the federal tax and regulatory issues important to philanthropy.

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