

ASCLS Advocates for You!!!

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The ASCLS Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is excited to present a new section on the ASCLS website, **ASCLS Advocates for You**. The GAC has identified the need to provide information and education to our members on legislative and regulatory issues that impact the laboratory profession. You can locate the **ASCLS Advocates for You** in the **Quick Link** section located on the right hand side of the ASCLS home page.

The **ASCLS Advocates for You** includes a section on *Positions and Policies Advancing Our Profession*. Another section is titled *ASCLS Federal Activities* which includes position papers on several recent key issues such as competitive bidding and Title VII funding for laboratory educational programs. The *ASCLS Advocacy Center* provides an avenue to effortlessly communicate with your congressional leaders on “real-time” laboratory issues. In the section, *Action Alert*, you are able to get the current legislative alerts and updates. This section also provides you with the Capitol Hill basics (remember 9th grade Civics class). The last section, *ASCLS Responds-Speaking Out for Our Members*, you can access position statements that ASCLS leadership has made on our behalf.

As a member of the GAC, I would like to encourage you to utilize the resources on the ASCLS website. If you want us to include additional information to assist you with your advocacy journey please let us know. The GAC anticipates another successful and exciting year. We need all of you to assist with advocating for the laboratory profession. Individual voices together allow our profession to speak with one voice.