

IPA ADVOCACY ISSUE REQUEST FORM

Date: _____ Brief title for issue: _____ State or _____ Federal issue?

Requestor's name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Requestor's affiliation to IPA:

Advocacy Committee member

IPA member*

on behalf of non-member psychologist: _____

on behalf of Healthcare organization: _____

on behalf of Community member: _____

Other: _____

** If you submit an issue, you agree to present the topic to the committee (via AM call) and, if accepted, you agree to participate in moving the issue forward.*

Details of issue and request for support:

Bill #: _____ Please forward bill or bill draft to IPA at IPAoffice@idahopsych.org with this request form.

Please give a brief synopsis of psychological research supporting this issue with citations:

IPA Mission: *The Idaho Psychological Association (IPA) is dedicated to advancing psychology as a profession, practice, and a scientific endeavor. IPA aims to promote health and human welfare by encouraging the application of psychology in individual and family life, business, law, healthcare, and education. IPA represents psychologists in Idaho on matters of interest to the profession. IPA works to increase public appreciation of psychology, to foster the development of potential and early career psychologists, to provide continuing education for psychologists, and to promote high standards of professional and ethical conduct in the field of psychology.*

How does this support for this issue further IPA's mission?

IPA Diversity Statement: *The Idaho Psychological Association (IPA) encourages diversity in all forms. In doing so, IPA encourages the participation of all psychologists, students, and affiliates living or practicing within the state, regardless of age, disability, socioeconomic status, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion. IPA commits to working to better serve the population of Idaho, and to actively engage diverse groups and individuals. IPA recognizes that its members are fallible and limited by individual and societal biases. However, IPA is committed to providing opportunities to examine our limitations as individuals and as a whole. We commit to explore biases and offer opportunities to remedy limitations associated with biases. IPA will make concerted efforts to support and/or collaborate with groups representing diverse populations. This will serve both to invest our cultural competence and to better serve Idahoans.*

Does support for this issue agree with IPA's diversity statement? Yes No Unsure

Please list organizations/key officials supporting this issue:

Please list organizations/key officials opposed to this issue:

IPA's Advocacy Committee meets monthly. Please leave 2-4 weeks after submission for review by the committee before expecting a response.

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Advocacy Committee's recommendation for proceeding:

___ Will not be taking up the issue.

___ Will follow the issue with no action at this time.

___ May assist in educating the public on the issue (e.g. letter to the editor, statement of support, etc.).

___ Will sign-on as supporter of bill or cause.

___ Will actively get involved in drafting bill.

___ Will write a letter of support to appropriate legislator(s) or Congressional member(s).

___ Will actively lobby for on issue (i.e. get members involved, meet with legislators or Congressmen, etc.)

___ Other: _____

___ IPA's lobbyist has reviewed the above and provided feedback.

___ Board approval recommended.

Date submitted to Board: _____

Board action: _____

___ Requestor contacted with decision.

Date correspondence sent to Requestor: _____

- a. *The purpose & rational for IPA's involvement are stated clearly and relevance to psychology or psychologists, including scientific or empirical findings, is documented.*
- b. *Consistent with IPA's core values and Mission Statement.*
- c. *Other organizations' position(s) included & considered.*
- d. *Likelihood of having a constructive impact on public opinion or policy.*
- e. *Possible conflict with existing or future legislative initiatives considered.*