POLICY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

The Office of Government Relations directs the University's interactions at the local, state and federal levels. This includes planning and developing the institution's response to proposed legislation; analyzing and assessing legislative, administrative and regulatory activities as they pertain to University programs, activities and operations; and developing and maintaining effective relationships with governmental agencies and officials.

Locations: Ann Arbor and Washington, DC

Ways to engage:

- Coordinate with Community Relations and State Outreach staff to connect with local officials and organizations in Southeast Michigan and throughout the lower peninsula to explore and establish relationships that bring the resources and talents of the university to assist with addressing community interests.
- Work with GovRel to participate in the Wolverine Caucus, which brings University faculty to the State Capitol for public policy briefings.
- The Office of Federal Relations can facilitate congressional and administration meetings; provide office space for University people on business in Washington; and serve as a clearinghouse on government activities, places, people and employment opportunities.
- Get to know the Michigan Congressional Delegation, including the committees they serve on and their contact information

RESEARCH CENTERS, INSTITUTES & INITIATIVES DOING POLICY ENGAGED WORK

Many research centers across the University of Michigan are engaged in policy networks, and some may offer membership, resources, workshops and training to help. Here are a few examples of these units:

- The Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation offers healthcare research and policy expertise. IHPI's Policy Engagement & External Relations team assists IHPI members who seek to have a greater impact on health policy and practice through their research. They offer members advice, strategies and tools around policy engagement through one-on-one consultations, office hour sessions and workshops.

- Poverty Solutions is a presidential initiative at U-M that works with community and policymakers to find new ways to prevent and alleviate poverty. The initiative supports hundreds of individual researchers from units across campus working to better understand and address poverty through grant funding and assistance with dissemination and policymaker engagement. Faculty can find out more about joining this network here.