



ACTION ALERT - Attend Public Testimony Day to Support Home and Community-Based Services THIS FRIDAY, MAY 24th

Pack the Senate Finance Committee in Yellow Shirts

The Senate Finance Committee will hear public testimony regarding the budget (HB1) on Friday, May 24th **starting at 9:30 am in Room A-B.**

LaCAN members from across the state are encouraged to **show up in yellow and represent those in need of home and community-based services.**

Several members will provide testimony before the committee regarding the importance of funding for additional New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) slots, Children's Special Health Services, Individual and Family Support, and Families Helping Families. All members are encouraged to speak to their legislators individually to share their personal story. Regional LaCAN Leaders will be available to provide support.

Contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) today to let him/her know if you are interested in attending, to coordinate transportation, and to get your yellow LaCAN shirt if you need one.

If you have not yet sent a personal email or called members of the Senate Finance Committee from your area in support of Home and Community Based Services, please do so TODAY. See Action Alert with details.

What to Expect on Committee Days

General Information:

- Be sure to wear your yellow LaCAN t-shirt! Committee members will then recognize you as a member of LaCAN and a supporter of home and community-based services. If you need a LaCAN shirt, please contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) who will have one available for you when you arrive.
- Committee days offer an opportunity to meet and share your story with your legislators. We encourage you to send your legislator a note in the committee room to let him/her know you are there and ask to speak to them briefly. Your Regional LaCAN Leader can assist you with this should you be interested in doing so.
- Get there early in order to get a seat.
- Expect to sit through many other issues before the committee gets to the issue you are there to hear. People often bring something to read or work on while waiting.
- Committee meetings may go through the lunch hour without a break. However, a cafeteria and snack shop are located on the ground floor of the Capitol for your convenience.
- Be sure to not bring food or drink in the committee rooms. Also, make sure that your cell phones, pagers, and other electronic communication devices are silenced or turned off.

- Capitol visits can be very rewarding. It is important to remain polite at all times. Showing any kind of disrespect can ruin any future chances of making a positive impact on a legislator down the road.

Transportation & Parking:

- Click [here](#) for directions to the State Capitol. Room A-B is located on the Senate (left) side of the Capitol on the ground floor.
- If you are interested in carpooling or need assistance with transportation, please contact your [Regional LaCAN Leader](#) immediately.
- Allow enough time to find parking. Parking spaces, including wheelchair accessible spots, are limited around the Capitol.

Any Questions?

If there are any questions about the information in this email, contact LaCAN by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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