



UNIVERSITY OF  
**LOUISVILLE**®

**Government Relations**  
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## UofL Office of Government Relations

Mission: To advocate on behalf of UofL and to provide elected officials and policymakers with information that conveys the scope and significance of the University's work and the critical need for their support.



## UofL Office of Government Relations

- Advocate on behalf of UofL
- Manage policy issues
- Serve as a liaison between the university and government entities and community stakeholders
- Coordinate faculty and staff interaction with government



# Internal Process

- University Priorities – Board of Trustees’ and President’s Leadership Team
- Assign bills for review to appropriate faculty and staff across campus
- Bill review team appointed by Provost meets each week during session to analyze and discuss bills
- Meet with campus leaders to understand the exciting work going on so the University’s success stories can be shared in a compelling way



# Engaging with Government Officials

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2 Types:

1. Representing the University
2. Personal contact to express an opinion



# Representing the University

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- To illustrate the great work going on at the University there will be times faculty and staff go to Frankfort or DC to highlight their accomplishments
- This is an opportunity to showcase UofL
- Be prepared!!



# Personal Opinions

- When weighing in with your elected representatives about an issue:
  - Make it clear you are expressing a personal opinion
  - Clearly identify yourself as speaking in your role as a private citizen
  - Do NOT use your university email account or letterhead
  - If asked to testify please notify the University Office of Government Relations



# Contact Information

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