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## Everyday Advocacy

It's not complicated. Really. All you have to do is care about your nonprofit's mission. Most people think that advocacy and lobbying are synonymous. Lobbying is a form of advocacy, but there are so many more ways to advocate for your nonprofit's mission. Browse through our archive of "[Advocacy in Action](#)" stories. At least one story is included in every edition of our free bi-weekly newsletter, *Nonprofit Champion*.

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## Why Should Your Nonprofit Advocate?

Advocacy is vital for a nonprofit to advance its mission. Find out why.

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To demonstrate how common nonprofit advocacy is – and how effective it can be in advancing missions, improving lives, and strengthening communities, we share these stories of Advocacy in Action.

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# Public Policy Agenda

NCN's Public Policy Agenda for 2024

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## Federal Law Protects Nonprofit Advocacy & Lobbying

The federal government, including Congress and the Internal Revenue Service, supports not only broad advocacy but also legislative lobbying by 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits.

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## Benefits of Filing the 501(h) Election

Learn about the benefits nonprofits can realize by filing the 501(h) election that simplifies and clarifies the rules governing lobbying expenses.

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## Taking the 501(h) Election

Simply by submitting IRS Form 5768, a nonprofit sets lobbying expenditure ceilings using a sliding scale based on a nonprofit's annual exempt purpose expenditures.

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## **Nonprofit Staff Vote**

A joint campaign that aims to encourage nonprofit employers to offer employees paid time off to vote - and serve as poll workers - on or before Election Day.