WISE ADVOCACY SESSION

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Topics

- How to find and communicate with your elected officials
- How to watch legislative committee meetings
- How to submit testimony to legislature
- How to appear before a committee
- Be informed and support groups that support your views
Who is my elected official?

- **Kansas Legislature Website**
  - Find the contact information and committee assignments for your legislators

- **Open States**
  - Can be found within the KS Leg Website
  - Search your address and find your Representative and Senator
Where to watch Legislative Committee Meetings

- **KS Legislature Youtube**
  - Chamber proceedings for both chambers of congress are available for viewing
  - All committee meetings are live streamed
    - Committee agendas are available on the KS Leg website
Submitting Testimony and Appearing before a Committee

Committee Assistants

*Each Committee has a committee assistant - this information is available on the KS Legislature page*

- Testimony must be submitted 24 hours before scheduled hearing
  - Usually, hard copies of the testimony are required to be turned in to the committee assistant as well
  - In the email to the committee assistant, specify whether testimony will be written or oral
- *KDOT Example*
Being Informed

**Social Media** is one of the best tools for staying informed:

- Follow your legislators on social media
- Follow different types of news operations—some work on reporting solely about the Kansas Legislature
  - Kansas Reflector
- Follow some organizations that are important to you and sign up for their newsletters

**Local online news publications** often cover news out of the capitol:

- Hawver News Company
- Sunflower State Journal
- Topeka Capitol Journal
The Kansas Town Hall

A sharing and listening initiative to identify barriers impacting women in the workplace and entrepreneurship, including childcare, paid family leave, broadband access, etc.

Town Hall Locations and Dates

- Topeka, KS: Thurs, June 23 | 11:30am- 1pm
- Hays, KS: Tue, June 28 | 11:30am- 1pm
- Garden City, KS: Wed, June 29 | 11:30am- 1pm
- Wichita, KS: Thurs, July 14 | 11:30am- 1pm
- Pittsburg, KS: Wed, Aug 3 | 11:30am- 1pm
- Virtual: Wed, Aug 24 | Noon- 1pm

To RSVP go to united-we.org/townhalls

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