CHALLENGE SIX: I DON’T THINK I’M SUPPOSED TO LOBBY

The line between library advocacy and lobbying can seem blurry, but the restrictions surrounding lobbying do not necessarily apply to educating or advocating for the issues that matter to you. As a citizen, you have every right to make sure decision-makers in this country know your opinion. In this chapter, find out what’s allowed and what isn’t when it comes to library advocacy. A lot more is allowed than you might think.

LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY: THE RULES

Resources on the Rules of Advocacy and Lobbying

Eleven Library Advocacy Myths...Debunked: Think you know everything about library advocacy? Check out some of these commonly held beliefs and learn the truth.

Webinar: Libraries and the Elections: How You Can be Involved and Make a Difference: Outlines what library supporters can legally, ethically, and effectively do to get involved during election years to ensure that candidates understand the importance of libraries.

Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest: This organization is dedicated to explaining the rules around advocacy and lobbying in the context of non-profits advocating for the public interest. Check out their website to learn more about what is and is not allowed.

NonprofitVote.org: This website is dedicated to helping non-profits encourage their members to participate in the electoral process. It explains how non-profits can get involved to make sure their voices are heard in the political system.