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Hello IAOHRA member and friend!

The IAOHRA Board of Directors would like to invite you to attend the **IAOHRA Day on Capitol Hill**, Thursday, March 8th, to increase our presence and develop relationships with lawmakers so we can more effectively protect and advance our interests in promoting human and civil rights.

The recently formed IAOHRA Board Legislative Committee will schedule meetings with key legislators, and we encourage you to schedule meetings with key Congressional representatives – Senators or House members - from your jurisdiction. Among the issues IAOHRA will raise include:

- *Funding of key civil and human rights agencies to include the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the U.S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service*
- *Civil Rights Legislation to include H.R. 620, the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 and repair of the Voting Rights Act*

Legislative visits will take place on Thursday, March 8 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, and 1:00-5:00 PM.

We encourage all attending IAOHRA members to also schedule meetings with representatives from your state from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM to discuss IAOHRA's Legislative Priorities. IAOHRA Talking points will be provided to all who participate in the visits when we gather at the beginning of the day, at 8 a.m., in the House cafeteria.

If you would like to attend **IAOHRA Day on Capitol Hill**, please email Beverly Watts at Beverly.Watts@tn.gov or Diane Clements-Boyd at dcllements@evansville.in.gov. Once we know you'll be attending, we will provide additional information and it will be necessary for planning the number of IAOHRA members that will be available for the visits.

In these uncertain times, it is important that our voices be heard as we advocate for continued support and advancement of civil and human rights in American society and beyond.

Please join us in Washington, DC on March 8th!

Sincerely,

Robin Toma
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