# **National Association of Blind Students**

# **AIM HIGH | Efforts at Home**

The Accessible Instructional Materials in Higher Education Act (AIM High) has officially been introduced to the United States House of Representatives and Senate. But now what? We need to gain the attention of Congress by sharing our stories. Below, we outlined next steps for gaining co-sponsorship from our legislators.

## **Find Your Representative and Senators**

* Visit the [House of Representatives website](https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative.). Once on this page, enter your zip code to find your member of the House of Representatives.
* Once the name of your rep shows in the search results, click ‘Go to Website’ and click ‘Contact’ to look up the Washington DC & district office contact info.
* Visit the [Senate’s website](https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm) to find contact information for your state(s) Senators.

## **Make Your Voice Heard**

* Call the DC office and ask your member of congress to cosponsor AIM HIGH, which is H.R. 5312 in the House and S 3095 in the Senate.
* Reach out to NABS Board Member Trisha Kulkarni at [trishak.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:trishak.nfb@gmail.com) to get the contact information for your representative’s staff member who handles education related contact.
* follow up with an email with your testimony, asking for co-sponsorship, and copy Trisha Kulkarni ([trishak.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:trishak.nfb@gmail.com)) and Stephanie Flynt, Governmental Affairs Specialist at the national office ([sflynt@nfb.org](mailto:sflynt@nfb.org)).
* Visit [this Google form](https://forms.gle/VdQ3i33BkpHwUYDr8) to submit a testimony for NABS to distribute in our greater efforts.

## **Schedule an In-Person Meeting**

* Call the representative or senator’s office to ask for a meeting to discuss the bill. You can use the same contact link to find the information for the closest office to you. If you get a meeting, great! Bring copies of the fact sheet and your testimony. If you don’t get a meeting, go to the office anyway to drop off copies of the fact sheet and your testimony. We encourage you to also send the fact sheet and testimonies to the identified staffer at the D.C. office.
* Anytime you visit or talk to your Representative’s office, it is important to ask for business cards of the individual spoken to so you may follow up and copy Trisha Kulkarni and Stephanie Flynt.