



OHIO LOBBYING ASSOCIATION

The Ohio Lobbying Association is the trade organization that represents over 300 lobbyists who provide valuable information and subject matter expertise to Ohio's state government. Members of the OLA adhere to the following principles outlined in the OLA Mission Statement.

Mission Statement of the Ohio Lobbying Association

To provide a vehicle for the discussion of public policy and professional issues, and for the dissemination of information regarding lobbying activities in the State of Ohio;

To monitor legislative and administrative activities and offer recommendations on public policy issues that impact the association's members;

To establish and carry out an effective communication and public education program designed to promote both the public interest and the interest of the Association;

To develop and implement a program of professional education and to promote professionalism among the members of the Association in pursuit of their lobbying activities;

To maintain a standard of excellence among members of the Association and of work performed by the members of the Association; and,

To do whatever is deemed necessary, useful, or advisable to inform members of the Association on all aspects of lobbying activities and to otherwise effectuate the purposes of the Association.

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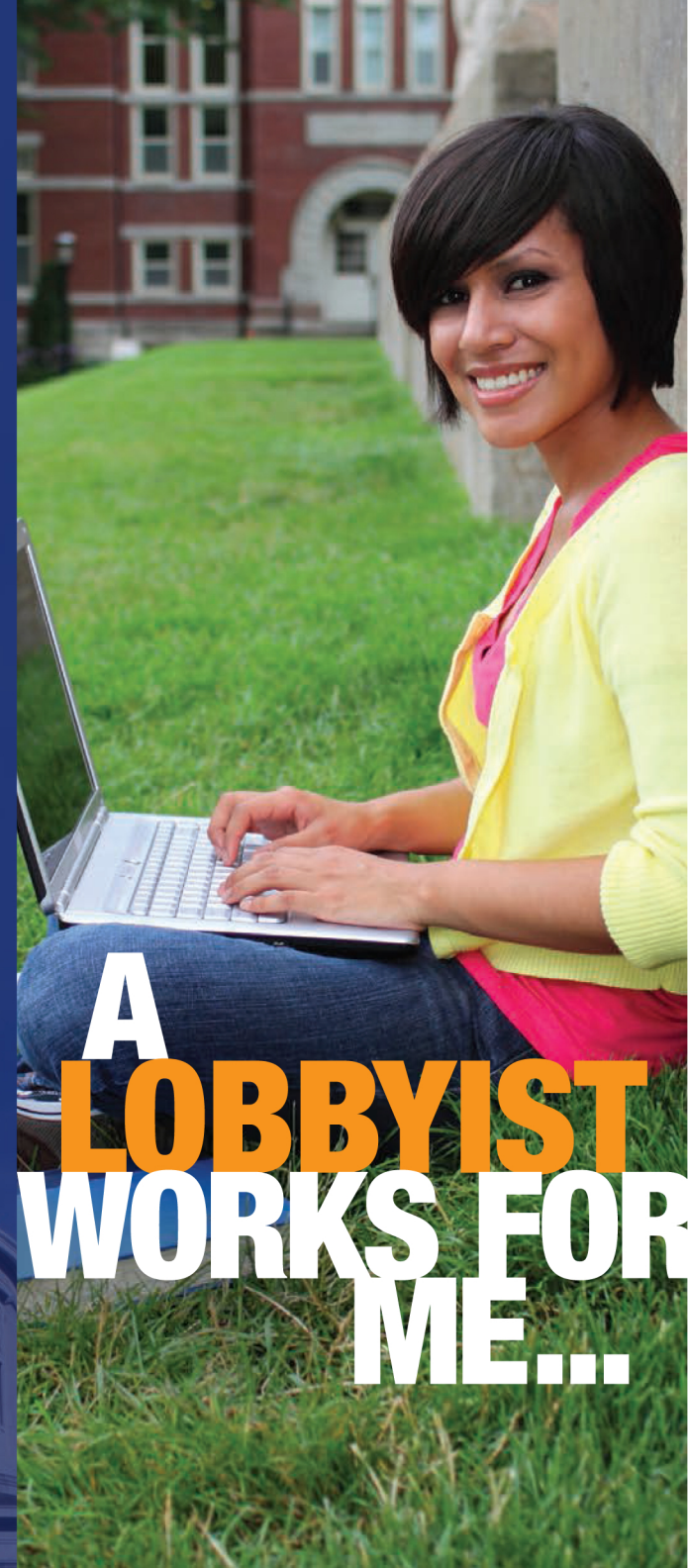
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CAN I LOBBY?

Absolutely. Anyone can meet individually with a legislator to provide information and examples that support their position. An individual can also lobby by testifying at hearings and participating in study or work groups. Letters, emails and phone calls are also effective ways to communicate your message to policy makers.

Every citizen has the right to meet with legislators and share opinions on issues they care about. Trying to convince a legislator to support your position is lobbying. If you receive compensation for voicing that opinion, then you must register with the state as a Legislative or Executive Agent and follow ethics and reporting requirements.



A LOBBYIST WORKS FOR ME...