

OAPA Legislator Outreach Templates

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1. Find your Ohio State Senator and Representative and their contact information by inputting your home address in this tool on the Ohio General Assembly homepage:
<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ohio General Assembly. At the top is a navigation bar with links: HOME, SCHEDULES, LEGISLATION, LEGISLATORS, COMMITTEES, SESSION, BUDGET, LAWS, PUBLICATIONS. Below the navigation bar is a large image of the Ohio Statehouse interior. On the left side, there are 'QUICK LINKS' and 'MY OHIO LEGISLATURE' sections. The main content area is titled 'SEARCH LEGISLATION' and 'WHO REPRESENTS ME?'. The 'WHO REPRESENTS ME?' section has two search options: 'Search By Address' and 'Search By ZIP'. The 'Search By Address' field contains the text '121 Main St., Columbus, Ohio'. A red arrow points to this field. Below the 'Search By ZIP' section, there is a link to 'Browse the Interactive District Maps'.

2. Fill in the bracketed placeholders before sending. Tailor the tone to how well you know the legislator and/or their staff.
3. Keep a note about who you contacted and when. If you receive a meaningful response (e.g., a non-generic reply that addresses your thoughts or concerns specifically, a request for a meeting or to tour your facility, etc.), please inform us at oapa@ohiopa.com so that we can support, and celebrate, your efforts!

Template 1: Simple Introduction

Use this when you've never reached out to this legislator before. Goal: introduce yourself as a constituent and a PA, and open the door.

Subject: Constituent Introduction: [Your Name], Physician Assistant

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I'm a Physician Assistant (PA) practicing in [City/Practice Area], and your constituent. I wanted to introduce myself and thank you for your service to our district.

As a PA, I am part of the healthcare workforce serving your district every day. There are more than 7,200 of us PAs across the state, along with 1,000+ students currently enrolled in Ohio's 17 PA graduate programs.

As healthcare policy continues to come before the General Assembly, I'd welcome the chance to be a resource for you and your staff on how PA practice works and how it affects patient care in Ohio.

I'd love the opportunity to introduce myself in person, whether at your office, a community event, or another time that works for you, [or to host you for a visit to our facility - *make sure you have permission from your employer!*]. Thank you, and I look forward to connecting.

Sincerely, [Your Name] [Credentials, e.g., PA-C] [City, Ohio] [Phone / Email]

Template 2: Detailed Outreach

Use this when you have an existing relationship or prior contact, like a past meeting, event, or previous email. Goal: deepen the relationship and speak directly to current PA legislation.

**Important* If you are a constituent of one of our current bill sponsors, be sure to thank them for their support!*

Subject: Following Up: PA Practice Legislation in Ohio **(**Note that after 12/31/2026, a new General Assembly will convene and all legislation will need to be reintroduced. Keep an eye out for announcements from OAPA in 2027 about new introductions and bill numbers.**)**

Dear [Representative/Senator] [Last Name],

[It was great to [see you at (event) / speak with you about (topic) / reconnect since (last interaction)]. I wanted to follow up as your constituent and a Physician Assistant to share where things stand with legislation that matters to PAs and the patients we serve.

As you may know, the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants (OAPA) has been actively engaged in this General Assembly, working with legislators who introduced three bills important to our profession: **HB 353**, **SB 436**, and **HB 963**. Here's a quick summary:

PA Title Change - HB 353 (Lampton, Manning) and SB 436 (Lang)

Simple in purpose, these companion bills change the legal title of the PA profession from "physician assistant" to "physician associate" to better reflect and clarify the vital role of PAs in modern healthcare, without altering PA practice authority. PA title change is a nationwide initiative, already adopted, or in the process of being enacted, by 8 states and the U.S Army, with more in progress.

PA Practice Modernization - HB 963 (Deeter, Craig)

HB 963 modernizes PA practice by:

- *Improving Access to Care:* Allowing PAs to work to a fuller extent of their education and training helps reduce wait times and brings timely care closer to home.

- *Strengthening Team-Based Care:* Modernization supports collaboration with physicians and other providers, reflecting how healthcare is delivered today.
- *Cutting Administrative Delays:* Removing outdated requirements frees providers to spend more time with patients and less on paperwork.
- *Supporting a Skilled, Stable Workforce:* PAs are highly trained. Modern standards ensure appropriate collaboration early in practice while allowing experienced PAs to serve where they're needed most.
- *Keeping Ohio Competitive:* Many states have already updated their laws. Aligning with national standards helps Ohio attract and retain top clinicians and sustain high-quality care.

I'd welcome the chance to talk further about why these initiatives are important to me, and my patients, and to answer any questions from your staff.

Thank you again for your continued leadership in our district, and for taking the time to hear from constituents like me.

Best, [Your Name] [Credentials, e.g., PA-C] [City, Ohio] [Phone / Email]