



CEC's ONLINE LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

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The Council for Exceptional Children has an interactive feature on its web site that allows individuals direct and easy access to Members of Congress and other Federal agencies; information about important legislation; links to local media outlets; and information about candidates up for reelection. This **free** service will enhance CEC's political power by encouraging people in the special and gifted education fields to become more involved in the federal legislative process. With more people taking action, we will be able to better protect our civil rights, as well as to expand laws that help students with exceptionalities, their families, and those involved in the education of these students.

CEC's online Legislative Action Center offers the following features :

- **Write to Congress:** E-mail, fax or send letters to your Members of Congress, the President and other government officials by selecting pre-written (editable) messages or write your own. Find your Members by simply entering your zip code.
- **CEC's Legislative Alerts:** Get updated information about federal legislation and important issues to YOU and then TAKE ACTION!
- **Guide to Congress:** Get information about all Members of Congress, including photos, phone and other contact information, legislative assistant information, and committee appointments. Every Committee and Subcommittee is listed, searchable and in printable format.
- **Daily Congressional Schedule:** Click on Congress Today and get House and Senate floor and committee schedules - updated daily.
- **Bill Status and Sponsor Tracking:** See a list of CEC's key legislation moving through Congress; view a list of co-sponsors to see if your Member(s) are supporting a bill that is important to you.
- **Voter Scorecard:** See how your Members voted on key special and gifted education legislation.
- **Media Guide:** Use the Media Guide to send original and customized e-mails, faxes and printed letters to members of the media, based on city, state and type of media. Easily locate your local media outlets by typing in your zip code.

- **Election 2004:** Find out how to register to vote in your state and learn about the candidates that are running of office.
- **Free Web Banner:** You can post a link to CEC's Action Center with a "Write to Congress" graphic right on YOUR web site so that your visitors can write to Congress from your home page.

Check out CEC's Legislative Action Center today by clicking on <http://capwiz.com/cek/home/>

CEC's Legislative Action Center is easy and fun to use and can be accessed by using any computer hooked up to the Internet. If you don't have a computer at home or work, check your local library or school for access.

If you have questions or suggestions about CEC's Legislative Action Center, contact CEC's Policy and Communication Services at 703/264-9498 or send an e-mail to: PUBPOL@cec.sped.org