



UT ADVOCATES

## TOP 5 WAYS TO MAKE AN IMPACT

### 1. *Register and remember to vote.*

Your power as a constituent begins with your decision to vote in every election. More Longhorns voting means more influence in political matters. Be sure your registration is up-to-date, and that you know upcoming registration deadlines and voting days. Then grab a friend and get out to vote.

### 2. *Know the issues and how the process works.*

The Texas Exes advocacy team is here as a guide and resource so that you have the best information and tools available. Sign up for the UT Advocates newsletter and read up on the latest.

### 3. *Know who represents you.*

Your state representative, state senator, U.S. congressman, and U.S. senators are the people that you need to be in contact with most, so spend some time finding out where they stand on issues in higher education. If you can't find the information on their website, ask them. [www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us](http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us)

### 4. *Communicate with your legislator.*

Building a relationship with your elected representative is easier than you might think. Following your representative on Twitter, Facebook, and subscribing to their newsletter can keep you connected. Scheduling a meeting with them or inviting them to a Texas Exes event is a step in the right direction as well.

### 5. *Connect with your neighbors and other Texas Exes in your community.*

There is power in numbers, especially when it comes to policymaking. That is why it's important for you to be connected to a wider community of alumni and friends. This can be done by connecting on social media, volunteering, getting involved with your Texas Exes chapter, and even your area's respective political party.