

Join [insert RA name]'s Delegation to Foundations on the Hill March 21~22, 2012, Washington, DC

As a result of the 2010 midterm elections, the 112th Congress will embody 110 new members. It is critical that the [insert state/region]'s congressional delegation hears from us – their foundation constituents. We invite you to join the [insert RA name], the Council on Foundations and the Forum of Regional Associations for **Foundations on the Hill (FOTH)**, taking place March 21-22 in Washington, DC. Here are five reasons why you should be a part of the [insert RA name]'s FOTH delegation.

- 1) **Share Your Story** - Members of Congress and their staffs know very little about philanthropy. FOTH is a chance for you to share **how your foundation is making a difference** in your lawmaker's state/district. The more Congress knows about you, the less inclined they will be to take actions that will harm foundations.
- 2) **Build Relationships Before Legislation Introduced** –FOTH is our opportunity to build relationships with our members of Congress and their staffs **before governance legislation is introduced**. Remember – your first contact with a lawmaker's office should not be when you need something from him or her.
- 3) **Show Extra Commitment to Your Cause** – Constituents meet with their senators and representatives in their state/district all the time. But the constituents that travel to Capitol Hill show an **extra level of commitment** to their cause.
- 4) **Meet the Legislative Staff** – During FOTH, you will meet your members of Congress and their tax aides, the legislative staffers usually assigned to monitor foundation and charitable sector issues. If you can convince them to support your cause, legislative staff can become **effective advocates on your behalf**.
- 5) **We've Made It Easy** – [insert RA name] will organize and schedule meetings with the [insert state] congressional delegation. And when we arrive in Washington, DC, Council and Forum **staff will help us prepare** for our Wednesday meetings on Capitol Hill.

To join the [insert RA name]'s FOTH delegation, contact [insert RA staff contact]. To learn more about the event, visit www.foundationsonthehill.org