

# *Five Ways* TO SPEAK UP FOR LANGUAGES

*At Wayside, we believe it's important to show up and take a stand on issues that matter. And to us, advocating for language learning matters.*

**1 Show off your program.**  
Inviting legislators to witness your language classroom in action not only allows you and your students to create a personal connection with their office, but also adds power to your personal story.

**2 Think about your goals.**  
Start small: think about what you would say to neighbors or your family to convince them of the importance of language education.

**3 Stay updated on policy news.**  
Through resources like the Joint National Committee on Languages' NewsBrief, it's easy to have timely access to breaking news, advocacy action alerts, and community updates.

**4 Speak up!**  
Whether you have a big following on social media or like to write letters to the editor for your local newspaper, make your voice heard in your community.

**5 Get involved in your state, regional, and national associations.**  
There is strength in numbers, and connecting with language associations is an easy way to find common ground partners in your community and beyond.

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