

## Change the Air Foundation's Public Policy Update: Fall 2022

Dear Friends and Fellow Advocates,

Since the launch of the Foundation in June of this year, Change the Air Foundation has been hard at work fulfilling one of our 4 Major Initiatives: Policy & Advocacy.

To date, we have advocated for meaningful policy reforms for mold and water-damaged indoor environments with legislators and staffers in 12 states.

Additionally, we were honored to have been invited to advocate in Washington D.C. on October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, along with fellow nonprofit organizations Armed Forces Housing Advocates (AFHA) and the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC), to support the *Military Housing Readiness Council Act*, which will improve oversight of privatized military housing across the country. Our brave servicemembers and their families deserve nothing less than safe and healthy housing.

We met with *nine* Congressional offices over two days and were able to put Change the Air Foundation on the map as a leading nonprofit organization in the indoor air quality space. The trip was a huge success, and we cannot wait to get back to Washington in the future to continue our mission in advocacy at the federal level.

Change the Air Foundation's efforts have been directly behind the drafting of mold and indoor air quality-related legislation in *three* states: Ohio, Florida and Hawaii. We're hopeful that our continued outreach to legislators in other states will lead to more bills in the near future.

The foundation has had the honor of supporting passionate volunteers in several states as they reach out to their Representatives to share how their own lives were impacted by water-damaged homes and buildings. It is inspiring to see these volunteers using their own stories to actively advocate for legislative changes and reforms. They're really making an impact, and so can you.

We're here to help *you* use your voice to help protect our communities. Each of us has the power to make a difference. If you're interested in becoming an advocate in your state, please be sure to contact us via the Volunteer page on our website to set a meeting with us! The link can be found <u>here</u>.

Remember, the Foundation's public policy view is based on the understanding that our community, and those we serve, are vital contributors in our democratic society. *Your voice matters*.

But we need your help. It is only thanks to generous donations from people like *you* that we can continue to meet with legislators and government officials to advocate for vital policy reforms to improve indoor air quality standards across the country for us all.

Thank you for your continued support – without you, none of this would be possible.

In health and change,

Brandon Chappo Director of Public Policy