## SECTION 5

Advocacy is an integral part of our political process, and your active participation is essential to ensuring that your priorities are received and addressed by policymakers from your perspective. Unless you communicate with policymakers about key issues of concern, both legislative and regulatory proposals will be crafted and enacted without the benefit of your expertise and perspective. Policymakers and their staff expect, welcome, and appreciate input from constituents. This Advocacy Toolkit provides all the tools necessary for you to be an effective advocate at the national, state, and local level. We thank you for taking the time to review and use this resource and encourage you to involve your colleagues and others in your efforts.

Good luck in your advocacy endeavors; do not forget to have fun!

Conclusion