AGING ADVOCACY

What to Expect in 2027 and How to Make an Impact with Legislators

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Agenda

- Review of the 2026 Legislative Session
- Recent Developments in Aging Issues
- On the Horizon for 2027
- How to Make an Impact with Legislators

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2026 Session Review

- Passed proposal to expand sales tax and revamp Missouri's income tax laws.
- Major property tax reforms did not pass.
- Made over $300M in cuts to the budget.
- Law to clarify the legality of video lottery machines failed to pass.
- Attention focused on the elections, both the ballot and candidates.

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Important Dates

November
3
2026

Missouri General Election

December
1
2026

First Day of Bill Filing

January
8
2027

First Day of Legislative Session

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On the Horizon for 2027

- Rate funding for Home & Community Based Services
- Master Plan on Aging
- Protecting established programs and services

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On the Horizon for 2027

- Significant budget shortfall.
- Flock camera and data center regulation.
- Creating a new funding formula for education.
- Personal property tax reform.

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FY28 Budget Planning

- ~$1.6 Billion general revenue shortfall.
- $538M Supplemental Cost to Continue Request for FY27
- DESE requested ~$300M GR increase
- DSS requested $691M ($1.3B Fed) increase
- FY Revenue up slightly (3.8%) through September (~$130M)
- FY 27 = July 1, 2026 – July 30, 2027

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Key to Effective Advocacy in 2027…

New Member Education

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Election Results 2026

Missouri House of Representatives

- **Total Seats:** 163
- Rep: 111 - 52
- Dem: 22-12
- **Seats Up for Election:** All 163 seats are up for election every two years

Missouri Senate

- **Total Seats:** 34
- **Term Length:** 4 years

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How to Make an Impact with Legislators

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Why Advocate?

#MOLEG NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU.

- **Term-limits and high turnover** in the Missouri General Assembly, create the need for constant education of legislators.
- **Legislators rely upon trusted persons** to help shape policy.
- To **protect the interests** of the aging population.

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How You Can Make a Difference

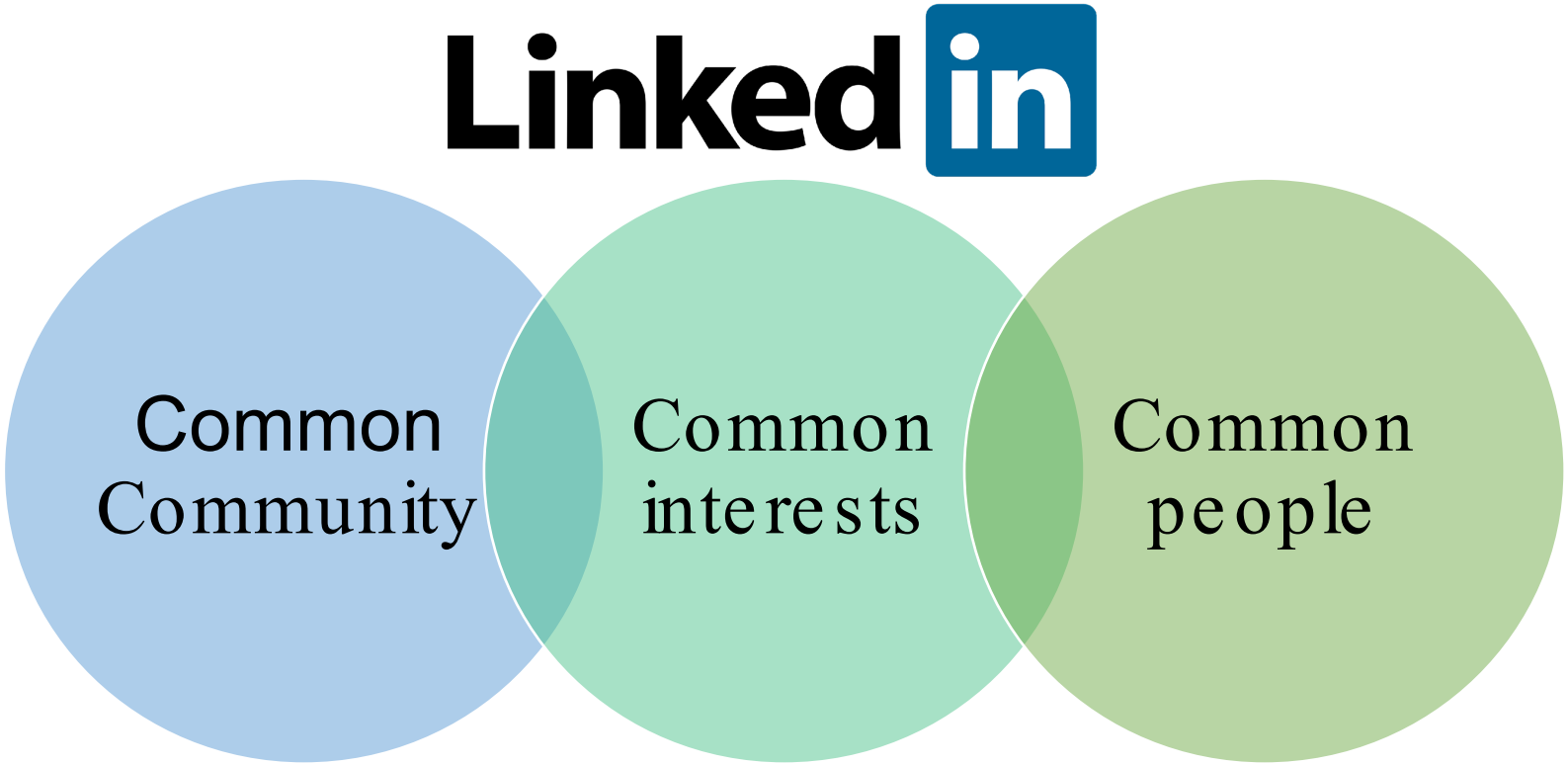
WAYS TO ENGAGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

1. **VOTE** for candidates who support aging issues.
2. **ATTEND** legislator sponsored district events.
3. **INVITE LEGISLATORS** to meet and learn about aging issues that matter in their district.

WAYS TO ENGAGE DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION (JANUARY – MAY)

1. **PARTICIPATE IN** Ma4 Advocacy Day at the Capitol
2. **TALK TO LEGISLATORS** about legislation that impacts you and those they serve.
3. **JOIN** Ma4 Advocacy Committee Meetings

Create Common Bonds



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Is Your Message Being Heard?

- Hundreds of different issues/pieces of legislation
- Competition for attention
- Interest in topic
- Political will
- Political timing



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No More Than…

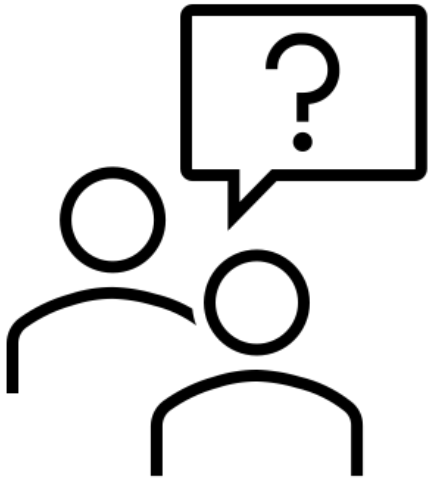
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