Compelling Reasons to Advocate in OH

- 2,570,000 people in Ohio have arthritis or a related disease *(2011 BRFSS)*

- 29% of all Ohioans have arthritis *(2011 BRFSS)*

- 52% of adults with diabetes in Ohio also have arthritis *(2011 BRFSS)*

- 49% of adults with hypertension in Ohio also have arthritis *(2011 BRFSS)*

- 40% of adults who are obese in Ohio also have arthritis *(2011 BRFSS)*

- The approximate annual cost of arthritis to Ohio in direct and indirect costs exceeds 5.7 billion dollars *(Medical Expenditure Panel Survey)*

- An estimated 11,500 children in Ohio have some form of arthritis and no pediatric rheumatologists *(CDC)*

- The prevalence of arthritis-attributable work limitation (AAWL) among all working-age adults with arthritis in Ohio is 31.7% *(CDC)*

- CDC data identifies arthritis as the most common causes of disability

  As a part of health care reform in this country, arthritis research and prevention efforts must be strengthened to reduce and minimize the burden of arthritis.

Ambassador Program

Arthritis Ambassadors are official liaisons between the Arthritis Foundation and their member of Congress. This program trains individuals into elite advocates ready to take on the challenges facing the arthritis community.

What is an E-Advocate?

E-Advocates help improve the lives of people living with arthritis. The key to success in changing government policies and funding is through grassroots advocacy and our e-advocates are the Arthritis Foundation's chief resource for making positive changes in Washington.

What does an E-Advocate do?

E-Advocates make their opinions and personal stories known. By signing up, you'll receive Action Alerts in your inbox when important arthritis-related issues are debated on Capitol Hill.   In 5 minutes or less, you'll be able to write your elected officials and tell them their constituents care about arthritis and how it impacts our communities.

To register, go to
www.arthritis.org/Take Action

Become an *Advocate* and take *Action* today.

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