

Animal Legal Defense Fund

Legislative Affairs
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Why Work on Legislation?

To protect the lives and advance
the interests of animals through
the legal system.



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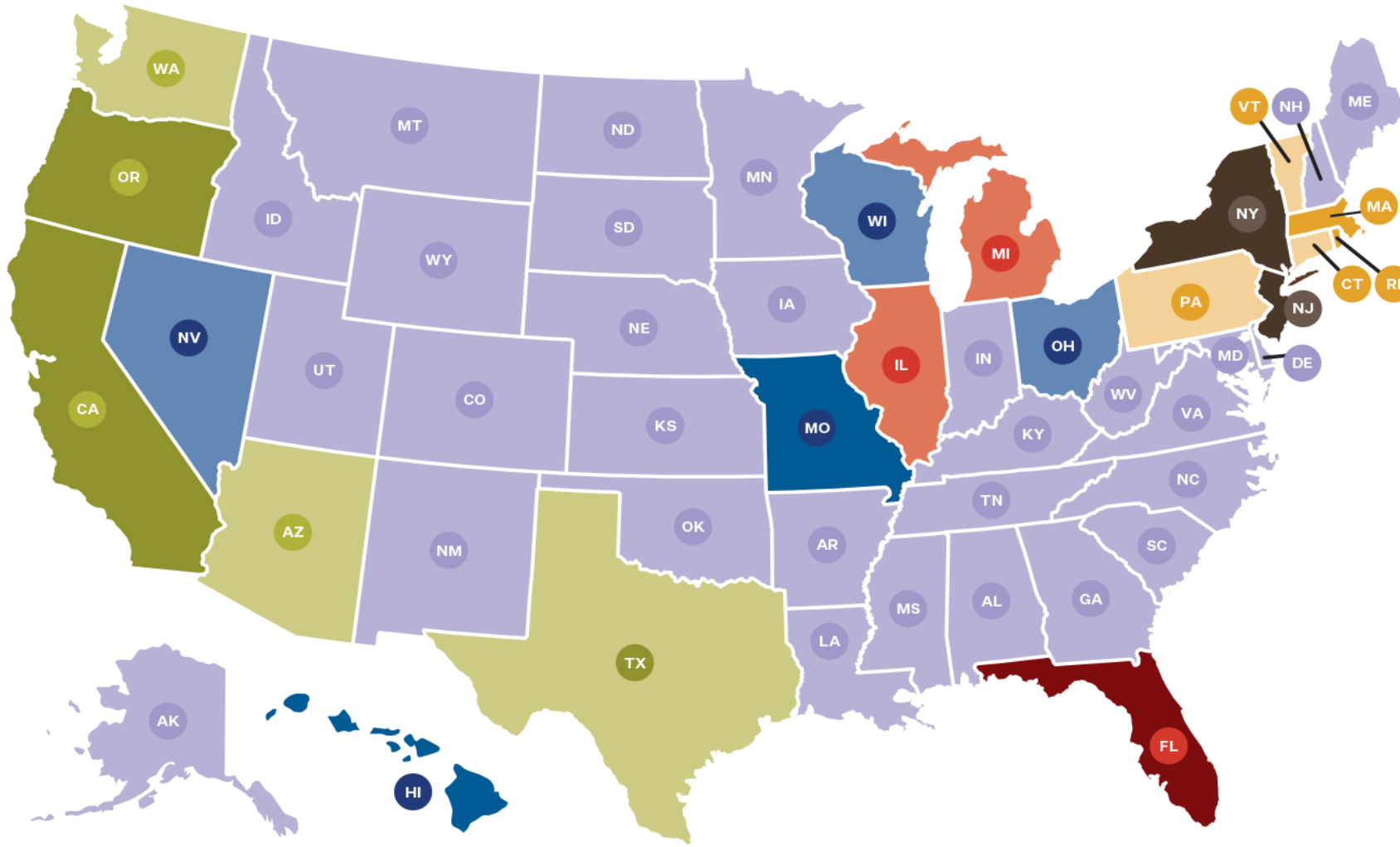


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Legislative Affairs Program Map of Staff Coverage by State



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- TIER 1: Rhode Island, Massachusetts
- TIER 2: Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Vermont

JENNIFER HAUGE

- TIER 1: California, Oregon
- TIER 2: Arizona, Texas, Washington

ALICIA PRYGOSKI

- TIER 1: Florida
- TIER 2: Illinois, Michigan

KATHLEEN SCHATZMANN

- TIER 1: New Jersey, New York

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- TIER 1: Hawaii, Missouri
- TIER 2: Nevada, Ohio, Wisconsin

ALLISON LUDKTE

- TIER 1: D.C./Federal

CAT KELLY

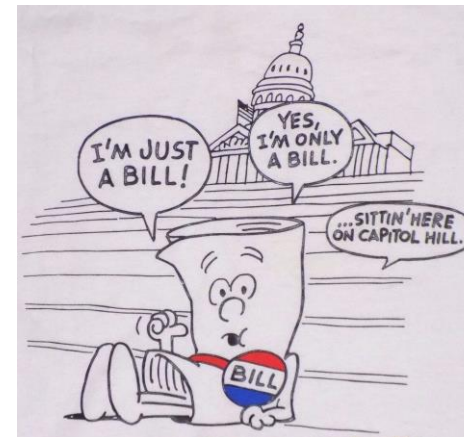
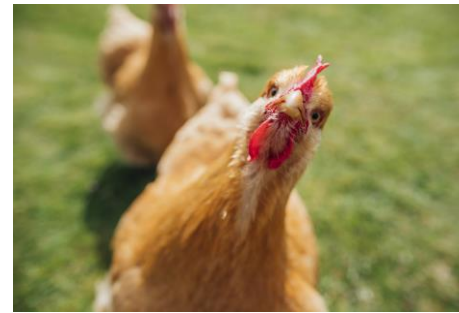
- TIER 3: All other states

Our Team Makes It Possible:

Allison Ludtke



- **Federal (119th Congress)**
- Overview of the current political landscape
- Priority bills and issues:
 - Captive Primate Safety Act
 - OCTOPUS Act
 - Animal Welfare Act enforcement
 - Avian flu + depopulation
 - Downed pigs
 - Prop 12



Our Team Makes It Possible: Alicia Prygoski



- **Florida:**
 - **March 25:** Humane Lobby Day
 - Legislative session starting soon
 - Fur trapping and bear hunt
- **Michigan:**
 - Courtroom Animal Advocate Program
- **Illinois:**
 - Cat declaw
 - Fur farm regulations



Our Team Makes It Possible: Lindsay Vierheilig



- **Hawaii:**
 - Octopus farming ban
- **Missouri:**
 - Teddy's Law
 - Preemption
- **Oregon:**
 - CAFO moratorium in GWMAAs
 - Octopus farming and sales ban
 - Defensive work to protect cougars



Our Team Makes It Possible: Cat Kelly



- **Washington:**
 - Circus ban
 - Wolf downlistings
 - Fur and foie gras bans
 - Cat declaw
- **Texas:**
 - Increasing cockfighting penalties
 - Retail sales ban
- **Maryland:**
 - Cage-free hens

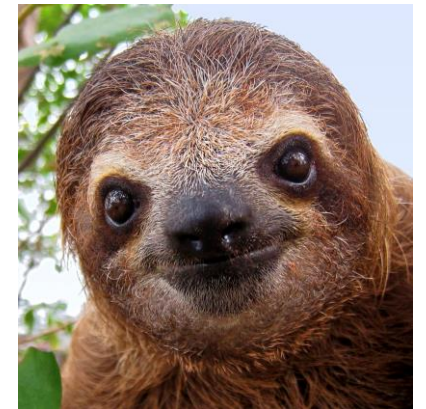


Our Team Makes It Possible: Jennifer Hauge



- **California:**

- Cat declaw ban
- Captive wildlife public contact ban
- Puppy mills
 - Broker ban
 - Online sales regulations
 - CVIs transparency



Our Team Makes It Possible: Stephanie Harris



- **Massachusetts (2025-26):**
 - **June 24:** Lobby Day for Animals
 - Possession, custody, pet shops, housing, rodenticides, cosmetics
- **Rhode Island (2025):**
 - Declaw
 - DV and animals



Our Team Makes It Possible: Kathleen Schatzmann



- **New Jersey:**
 - Humane pet store bill
 - Wildlife killing contest ban
 - Possession ban
- **New York:**
 - Wild animal traveling acts ban
 - Renters insurance discrimination ban
 - Octopus farming ban



Your Role as an Advocate: to Participate in the Legislative Process

As a constituent who cares about animal protection issues, it's important to participate in the legislative process.

We would like to thank you upfront for your willingness to take action!

You have the most powerful and persuasive voice — especially at the state level — where, as a constituent, you can establish a personal relationship with your legislators and their staff.

Please Register to Vote.

Take action on local/state/federal
legislation and regulation.

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