BE AN INDUSTRY ADVOCATE

The diagram below illustrates the legislative and regulatory processes and where MBA provides opportunities for you to make your voice heard.

Idea + Sponsor in House or Senate = Bill
Someone has an idea to change something.

Rulemaking Process Begins
Laws are implemented through rules and regulations. The law assigns regulatory agencies to draft rules.

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Bill is introduced and assigned to a committee or subcommittee.

House or Senate Committee
Committee holds hearings that include expert testimony from those with vested interest in the bill. Committee marks up bill and votes on it.

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MBA Amplifies Your Voice: Make a difference when you engage with MBA through our grassroots advocacy organization MAA, or meet in person with lawmakers or policymakers at an MBA event such as our annual National Advocacy Conference.

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Comment Period
Assigned agency or agencies release draft rule and open a comment period.

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House or Senate Floor
The bill arrives on the House or Senate floor and is discussed with the full group.

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MBA lobbyists and members work with regulators throughout the rulemaking process to consider the best application of the rules for businesses, consumers and the economy.

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THREE WAYS TO START USING YOUR VOICE TODAY

1. Join MAA (FREE) mba.org/joinmaa
2. Take Action to tell elected officials to support our industry mba.org/takeaction
3. Attend National Advocacy Conference mba.org/nac