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Dear Friend,

In early 2025, the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired is launching an Advocacy Discussion Group, a new forum for conversation and action that will meet online every other month to share ideas and support one another in advocating for the interests of Wisconsinites who are blind or low vision. Council staff will facilitate the group, but all participants will have a voice in choosing the discussion topics. We invite you to be part of this group!

Policy advocacy was the very reason for the Council's creation more than 70 years ago, and it remains one of our core functions today. We see this new group as a next step in building a statewide network of folks equipped to engage with local and state decision-makers in productive conversations about the issues they care about.

Each Advocacy Discussion Group meeting will include both a short presentation by Council staff on a relevant advocacy topic, such as legislative updates and advocacy skill-building; and opportunities for participants to exchange insights, ask questions and share information about their own advocacy efforts.

The group will meet on the third Wednesday of alternating months from 3 to 4:30 p.m., with the first session taking place January 15. We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to amplify your voice, grow as an advocate, and help others grow as well!

To sign up for the group and receive the Zoom link, visit <https://wcblind.org/council-events/advocacy-discussion-group/>. Feel free to contact us at 608-255-1166 or info@WCBlind.org with any questions.

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