

# Advocacy Group (AG) Federal Issues PODs

## The National Association of REALTORS®

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### Introduction:

The Advocacy team has a newly streamlined and focused approach to developing, implementing, and advocating for policy vital to members of the association, in addition to improved representation for REALTORS® and the industry in today's evolving residential and commercial real estate environment. By merging the legislative and regulatory and industry relations teams, each staff member has increased responsibilities enhancing NAR's policy presence in Washington, D.C., across the country, and with their respective policy committees and forums, in response to actions by the Federal Government.

### PODs:

PODs: A POD is an area of subject expertise under the Federal Policy and Industry Relations Team. PODs include policy staff, lobbyist, political director, and a member of the communications team. While the PODs may have Legislative and Regulatory staff identifications; it is expected that the policy staff in each POD will be well versed in both legislative and regulatory issue areas to address policy concerns and members' questions in a timely fashion.

While State & Local reports to Public Policy Coordinating Committee (PPPC), the federal issues are usually handled through one of the existing PODs. Fair Housing issues are reported to PPCC through the new Fair Housing Committee. The staff and issues of the AG Infrastructure XPOD cut through various PODs.

POD/ISSUE AREAS	LEGISLATIVE/ REGULATORY POLICY	POLITICAL REPRESENTATIVE	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE
<b>AG Appraisal POD</b> Appraisals (FHA, VA, Rural and GSE loans), Broker Price Opinions, Comparative Market Analysis, Automated Valuation Models (AVMs), Uniform Appraisal Dataset (UAD)	Sehar Siddiqi, 202-383-1176 <a href="mailto:SSiddiqi@NAR.REALTOR">SSiddiqi@NAR.REALTOR</a>  Melissa Horn, 202-383-1026 <a href="mailto:MHorn@NAR.REALTOR">MHorn@NAR.REALTOR</a> <b>State and Local</b>	Zack Rubin-McCarry, 202-383-1086 <a href="mailto:ZRubinMcCarry@NAR.REALTOR">ZRubinMcCarry@NAR.REALTOR</a>  Lisa Friday Scott, 202-383-1270 <a href="mailto:LScott@NAR.REALTOR">LScott@NAR.REALTOR</a> <b>Public Issues Advocacy</b>	Sydney Barron, 202-383-1089 <a href="mailto:SBarron@NAR.REALTOR">SBarron@NAR.REALTOR</a>
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