

Senator Warren's Ten Ways to Take Action

1. **Write a letter to the editor.** It does not need to be long to make an impact. Simply write a few sentences explaining how this budget will affect you and others throughout the state.
2. **Sign the petition to save the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** on www.eitcworks.com. Then click on the link to share how the EITC helped you or someone you know. Oftentimes a personal story is the most powerful lobbying tool.
3. **Contact Governor Snyder.** Whether it is a quick phone call or a handwritten letter, it is important that the Governor hear from you.

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4. **Testify before our House and Senate committees.** Committee meetings are open to the public and anyone is allowed to testify. You can sign up electronically for House committee agendas at <http://house.michigan.gov/committees.asp> and email Senate committee clerks at <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/committee/committeeinfo.htm>. Or, if you can't make it to Lansing, send written testimony to members of the committee.
5. **Stay informed.** Join Senator Warren's email list by sending a request to senrwarren@senate.michigan.gov, "like" her on Facebook and sign up to follow her on Twitter, so you can get the most up-to-date information on what is happening in Lansing.
6. **Pay a visit to the Capitol.** Whether you take part in a collective lobby day, or drive up on your own, nothing shows your commitment more than making the trip to Lansing.
7. **Ask the experts.** Find the groups and organizations that work on these issues day in and day out. Take advantage of their knowledge and get involved in their efforts.
8. **Write to your legislators.** You can contact your State Representative and Senator at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/>.
9. **Spread the word.** Talk to your family and friends, open your holiday card list, and share your concerns with your own social media networks. Ask them to take action too.
10. **Repeat steps 1-9.** Budget negotiations often last for several months and can include complicated maneuvering. As constituents, it is vital that you continue to work to hold your elected officials accountable throughout the entire process.