



## **ARVC ENCOURAGES PARK OPERATORS TO URGE THEIR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO JOIN THE RV CAUCUSES IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE**

The National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC) is asking private park operators to encourage their representatives in Congress to join the RV Caucus.

“The RV Caucus is a group that holds educational meetings, briefings and special events to support legislation that benefits the RV and camping industries,” said Jeff Sims, ARVC’s director of state relations and program advocacy. One of the benefits of having an RV Caucus is the Chairs of Congressional caucuses must have at least one staff person assigned to the caucus which will allow industry partners to have constant and streamlined contact with allies on the Hill.

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But while the House and Senate RV Causes are in place, more congressional members are needed to make them effective. “That’s why we are calling on private park operators across the country to encourage their House and Senate representatives to join their respective RV Caucuses,” Sims said, adding that the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) and Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) are asking their members to do the same thing.

Park operators can personalize their own letters or they can simply use an electronic form which automatically sends letters to the appropriate House and Senate members based on the park operator’s zip code.

Simply [click here](#), then click on “Take Action” to contact your House and Senate representatives.

***Private park operators are strongly encouraged to personalize the letters as much as possible. Campgrounds should also reference how many people they employ and note exactly where they are located in the first paragraph of the messages.***

### **What’s a Caucus and what do they do?**

A Caucus is a group organized by Members of Congress who have an interest in a special area or industry. They hold educational meetings and sometimes help as a cohesive group to support certain legislation in their area of interest - like RVing and camping! One of the benefits of having an RV Caucus is the Chairs of Congressional caucuses must have at least one staff person assigned to the caucus which will allow industry partners to have constant and streamlined contact with allies on the Hill.

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### **Why do we need an RV Caucus?**

RVing is an estimated \$18 billion-a-year industry. We contribute to both the local and national economies. RVing touches every state of the Union, in manufacturing, sales, repair, rentals, and campgrounds. When you take into account all RV-related businesses across the country, the combined revenue would total \$40 billion. It's important for the industry to have a well-supported voice in Congress as this industry continues to grow.

We need more Members of Congress to join the House and Senate RV Caucuses. Please help by sending your letters today! [RV Act Rapid Response Center](#)