



# APTA Capitol Hill Day Briefing Book

July 24-25, 2023



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# Welcome

July 24, 2023

Dear APTA Advocates,

On behalf of the American Physical Therapy Association and its Board of Directors, welcome to Washington, D.C., and APTA Capitol Hill Day. Advocacy is a critical component of our work at APTA. Thank you for your continued devotion to advocacy and advancing the physical therapy profession.

On Tuesday, July 25, hundreds of PTs, PTAs, and physical therapy students will convene on Capitol Hill to build relationships and educate members of Congress on the transformative role that physical therapy plays in our nation's health care system. You will discuss the daily challenges you face that impact your ability to provide care to the patients you serve. Additionally, you will be able to deliver the message about how physical therapy transforms lives and how you make a profound difference for individuals and communities.

This briefing book contains resources to prepare you for your office visits and answer some questions you may have. It includes a schedule of events, legislative talking points, and essential information on logistics. If you have questions or need clarification during the event, feel free to ask an APTA staff member. We want you to be well prepared to educate and enlighten members of Congress about the important role of physical therapy in transforming society.

Again, thank you for your time and dedication in making this a successful event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Herr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Roger Herr, PT, MPA  
President, American Physical Therapy Association

## Schedule at a Glance

### Monday, July 24

4-5:45 p.m	APTA Day on Capitol Hill training	Omni Shoreham, Regency Ballroom
5:45-6:30 p.m.	State delegation meetings	Omni Shoreham, Regency Ballroom
8-10 p.m.	PTPAC Event	The LINE Hotel rooftop (2468 Champlain St. N.W., Washington, D.C.)

### Tuesday, July 25

6:30-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and state delegation final prep	Omni Shoreham, Regency Ballroom
Approx. 8:00 a.m	Bus transportation to Capitol Hill	
9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Hill meeting debriefings	Reserve Organization of America (1 Constitution Ave., N.E.)
9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Capitol Hill meetings	
Noon-4 p.m.	Bus transportation to Omni Shoreham	



Thank you for attending APTA Capitol Hill Day. This event is the best opportunity for APTA members to participate in face-to-face meetings with members of Congress and their staff to advance the profession of physical therapy. Included are details and information to make your visit enjoyable and productive.

## Materials to Leave With Your Members of Congress

You will be given a folder of information for your congressional meetings labeled with the name and district of the member of Congress for whom it is intended. This folder will include information on the issues we will be lobbying. Each congressional office you meet with should be given only one folder. You are encouraged to include your business card in these folders or to have a supply on hand for distribution during your visits.

## Dress Code

The dress code for programming on Monday is business casual. The dress code for Tuesday's visits to Capitol Hill is professional. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes on Capitol Hill.

## House and Senate Office Building Security and Entrances

Below are a few items you cannot bring into the House and Senate office buildings. If you do happen to go into the U.S. Capitol Building (the iconic dome structure), there are even more restrictions. Visit [uscp.gov/visiting-capitol-hill/regulations-prohibitions](https://uscp.gov/visiting-capitol-hill/regulations-prohibitions) for a full list of prohibited items.

- Bags exceeding 18"x14"x8.5. " Do not bring luggage to Capitol Hill.
- Weapons of any kind or pointed objects (pens are okay!).
- Mace or pepper spray.
- Sealed envelopes and packages.
- If in doubt, leave it at the hotel!

Below are entrances to the House and Senate office buildings. Please note that these entrances are subject to change without notice.

### Senate Office Buildings

#### Russell Senate Office Building

Roughly the corner of Delaware Ave.  
N.E. and Constitution Ave. N.E.

#### Hart Senate Office Building

Main entrance on Constitution Ave.  
Additional entrance on 2nd St. N.E. between  
C St. N.E. and Constitution Ave. N.E.

#### Dirksen Senate Office Building

Entrance on Constitution Ave. N.E.  
Please note there is construction around  
the building.

### House Office Buildings

#### Cannon House Office Building

Entrance on New Jersey Ave. S.E. between  
Independence Ave., S.E. and C St. S.E.

#### Longworth House Office Building

Entrance on the corner of C St. S.E. and  
New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Front entrance on Independence Ave. S.E.

#### Rayburn House Office Building

Main entrance on Independence Ave. S.W.  
Additional entrance on S. Capitol St. S.E. between  
Independence Ave. S.W. and C St. S.W.

### **Capitol Hill Visit Debriefing Center**

Following your visits with your members of Congress, please come to the Debriefing Center at the Reserve Organization of America (1 Constitution Ave. N.E.). You can follow up with APTA government affairs staff, send your meeting debrief, and write a thank-you note to the congressional staff you visited. Follow-up is a critical aspect of the advocacy process, and you are encouraged to take advantage of the resources at the Debriefing Center following your visits. APTA staff will be at the Debriefing Center 9 a.m.-3 p.m. If you will not be able to stop by the Debriefing Center on Tuesday, be sure to submit your feedback through the APTA Advocacy App. Simply click the feedback button and fill out the “Fly-In” form.

### **Breakfast**

Breakfast will be provided at the Omni Shoreham before you board your buses to Capitol Hill.

### **Transportation**

APTA will provide buses to Capitol Hill Thursday morning. Attendees will be dropped off at Garfield Circle at the bottom of Capitol Hill. Buses in the afternoon back to the Omni Shoreham will leave from Peace Circle at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. APTA will not reimburse for taxi/Uber/Lyft service to and from Capitol Hill. APTA staff will be posted at the drop off and pick up locations.

Again, thank you for your participation in APTA Capitol Hill Day. The potential to have an impact on your profession and the patients you serve is immense. We hope that the opportunity to actively be involved in APTA's efforts on Capitol Hill is enjoyable and informative. Please contact APTA's government affairs staff at [advocacy@apta.org](mailto:advocacy@apta.org) if you need resources to continue advocacy efforts in your community. We greatly appreciate your dedication to your profession and your advocacy efforts.

## Expanded Telehealth Access Act of 2023 (H.R. 3875)

### Position

The American Physical Therapy Association supports the Expanded Telehealth Access Act (H.R. 3875), legislation that would add physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and other therapy providers in private practice, as well as facility-based outpatient therapy providers under Medicare Part B, as permanent authorized providers of telehealth services under Medicare. H.R. 3875 was introduced by Reps. Mikie Sherrill, D-N.J., and Diana Harshbarger, R-Tenn.

### Background

In response to the coronavirus public health emergency in 2020, Congress passed and the president signed into law legislation that authorized the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to significantly expand Medicare's coverage of telehealth services during the PHE to protect the health and safety of Medicare patients. Under the authority of Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, CMS permitted virtually all medical providers, including physical therapists, to provide services via telehealth to Medicare beneficiaries. In late 2022, Congress approved legislation that extended Medicare's telehealth flexibilities for another two years. Medical providers will be permitted to treat Medicare patients via telehealth until Dec. 31, 2024. After that date, Medicare patients may lose coverage of telehealth visits unless Congress acts.

### Improving Patient Outcomes

Telehealth technology can safely and effectively meet the needs of patients and has proven to be a widely utilized resource. Physical therapy provided via telehealth can improve access to care for patients who live in rural and underserved areas. It has allowed patients to achieve desired outcomes for a variety of health problems, including post-traumatic stress syndrome, chronic pain, stroke, and other neurological and musculoskeletal conditions. PTs and PTAs utilize telehealth to deliver the following services:

- Conduct evaluations when necessary to prevent delays in essential care.
- Guide patients through prescribed exercises, analyze the patient's performance, instruct modifications of a care program, and promote self-efficacy.

- Assess a patient's home environment and recommend adjustments that improve safety and navigation, which is harder to replicate in the clinic. Reduce the number of in-clinic visits and still maintain important monitoring and follow-up care. This is especially important for Medicare patients who lack transportation or socioeconomic means for multiple in-person visits.
- Co-treat with another clinician who is treating patients via real-time audio and video technology.
- Supervise treatment being provided by a PTA in a patient's home.

Telehealth helps to ensure continuity of care. In a recent report by Epic Research, the findings indicated that expanded access to telehealth resulted in fewer patients missing their health care appointments. Additionally, telehealth is also a cost-effective method to deliver quality care. The report found that there was not increased utilization of health care services and concluded that many telehealth appointments were substitutions, not additive. Most telehealth visits did not necessitate an in-person visit, according to the report. For PTs specifically, the study noted that 65% of telehealth appointments did not require a follow-up with the PT.

Hospital admissions and readmissions, emergency department visits, and urgent care visits, among other expenses, potentially will decrease if beneficiaries have access to both in-person and telehealth services. Moreover, increasing access to physical therapy, including through audio and video telecommunications technology, can result in increased work productivity and decreased absenteeism while improving presenteeism. Physical therapists play a critical role in ensuring that Americans are healthy and able to work.

### Support Permanent Telehealth Extensions

APTA urges Congress to support the Expanded Telehealth Access Act to make PTs and PTAs permanent authorized providers of telehealth under Medicare.

This bill is endorsed by APTA, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, the American Occupational Therapy Association, and the Alliance for Connected Care.

## Increasing Awareness of Pelvic Health Physical Therapy

### Position

The American Physical Therapy Association strongly supports the Optimizing Postpartum Outcomes Act (H.R. 2480), legislation that will raise awareness of the availability and importance of pelvic health services, particularly pelvic health physical therapy, for postpartum women using Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. H.R. 2480 was introduced by Reps. Don Bacon, R-Neb., and Lisa Blunt Rochester, D-Del.

### Background

Pelvic health physical therapy is a vital part of recovery in the postpartum period. It can aid in muscle control, tissue repair, and healing internal portions of cesarean section scars. However, many mothers lack access to and awareness of the benefits of pelvic health physical therapy. Even some health care providers may not understand the importance of pelvic health physical therapy in the postpartum period. This can lead to delays in, or even an absence of, proper postpartum care — which can have lifelong negative effects for mothers.

H.R. 2480 is designed to address these knowledge and access gaps by providing guidance to state Medicaid and CHIP programs administering pelvic health services performed during the postpartum or neonatal period. It also would authorize programs to raise both provider and patient awareness of the importance of pelvic health examinations and pelvic health physical therapy.

### Raising Awareness

H.R. 2480 would require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to, within one year of enactment, issue guidance on coverage under Medicaid and CHIP for pelvic health services performed during the postpartum or neonatal period (six months from the termination of the pregnancy or the end of lactation, whichever is later). This guidance would include best practices; recommendations for available financing options; technical assistance to state agencies regarding flexibilities relating to and incentives for screenings, referrals, and access to covered services;

and suggested terminology and diagnosis codes.

The law also would instruct the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on pelvic health programs and submit a report to Congress. This report would address gaps in coverage for covered pelvic health services and other services postpartum women received during their pregnancies.

Additionally, H.R. 2480 would obligate the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to carry out a program to educate and train health professionals on the benefits of pelvic health physical therapy. The program also would educate postpartum women on the importance of pelvic floor examinations and pelvic health physical therapy and how to obtain these services.

### Comprehensive Care

Instructing mothers and providers on the importance of pelvic health physical therapy is vital for preserving maternal health. Pelvic health physical therapists practicing in this field treat individuals across the gender spectrum and life span for pelvic health-related conditions that include, but are not limited to, urinary, bowel, musculoskeletal, and sexual dysfunction, cancer-related rehabilitation, and the peripartum state. After performing an evaluation and making a diagnosis, pelvic health physical therapists create and implement personalized plans based on best-available evidence to help their patients improve mobility, recover from injury, prevent future injury, and manage pain and chronic conditions. They are part of a collaborative care team aimed at empowering patients to be active participants in their care and well-being.



## Senate

### **117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-2022)**

Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Senator Gary Peters (D-MI)

Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)

### **114<sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2016)**

Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)

Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) –  
as House member

Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)

Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)

Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND) –  
as House member

Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL)

Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)

Senator Angus King (D-ME)

Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)

Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS)

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

Senator James Risch (R-ID)

Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI)

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY)

Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)

## House

### **117<sup>th</sup> Congress (2021-2022)**

Congressman Pete Aguilar (D-CA)

Congressman Ami Bera (D-CA)

Congressman Andre Carson (D-IN)

Congressman Gerald Connolly (D-VA)

Congressman Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)

Congressman Brian Higgins (D-NY)

Congressman Dean Phillips (D-MN)

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY)

### **114<sup>th</sup> Congress (2015-2016)**

Congressman Rick Allen (R-GA)

Congressman Mark Amodei (R-NV)

Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)

Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-CA)

Congressman Michael Burgess (R-TX)

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA)

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (D-CA)

Congressman Sam Graves (R-MO)

Congressman Brett Guthrie (R-KY)

Congressman Bill Johnson (R-OH)

Congressman Mike Kelly (R-PA)

Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA)

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)

Congressman John Moolenaar (R-MI)

Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (D-ME)

Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL)

Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (D-IL)

Congressman Adam Smith (D-WA)

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ)

Congressman Mike Thompson (D-CA)

Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R-MO)

Congressman Ryan Zinke (R-MT)

# How To Conduct an Office Visit

These tips will help you prepare for your Capitol Hill meeting.

## Preparing for the Meeting

- **Craft a brief overview of your story.** Prepare a short speech (three minutes or less) about what you do. Include the setting in which you work or go to school, demographics of your patients, and the types of health care needs your patients have. Keep it short but substantive.
- **Visit the APTA website and download the APTA Advocacy App to prepare.** Review the 2023-2024 APTA Public Policy Priorities and the position papers to familiarize yourself with the issues. Think about which of these policies are important to you and your practice. The APTA Advocacy App contains many features including a Congressional Directory that will show you what bills the members of Congress currently support, talking points, member bios, and a place to send meeting feedback. The app is free on the App Store or Google Play.
- **Research your member of Congress.** Each member of Congress has a website where you can read their biography and positions on issues. Know if your member of Congress has supported APTA issues in the past.
- **Prepare your “ask.”** It’s best practice to always go into a meeting with how the office can help you. Be sure to have a concise “ask” in mind, which could be to co-sponsor a bill, schedule an in-district visit, or simply offer a “thank you” for already supporting a bill.
- **Invite your members of Congress to an in-district visit.** Showing them firsthand what you do is a powerful experience. August recess is a great time to set up a visit, while they are in their district for the month.

## Attending the Meeting

- **Be on time.** Plan to arrive at the office at least seven to 10 minutes early. Allow plenty of time to get through security and find the office. If you are too early (which is as much a faux pas as being late!), most of the buildings have a coffee shop, café, gift shop, or vending area where you can wait comfortably. If you are running late, call the office to let them know. The office number can be found in the Congressional Directory on the APTA Advocacy App or the member’s official website.
- **Be flexible.** Keep in mind that schedules can change at the last minute. Don’t be surprised if your meeting is delayed, which can happen due to voting or hearings.
- **Be prepared.** Make sure to bring materials you can leave behind, which includes the folder of position papers and information.
- **Bring and grab business cards.** The staffers you are meeting with will want to know how to reach you if they have questions. Leaving your business card is a professional and easy way for staff to have your contact information. Ask for their business card as well or grab a card from the front desk on your way out. Most congressional offices have a display that contains the business cards of their staff.
- **Capture the moment.** Ask permission to take a quick photo with the member of Congress and/or their staff. This is a great way to connect with them by sharing the photo on social media and to include in your follow-up note. APTA also is interested in seeing and possibly using photos from Capitol Hill meetings.
- **Deliver your message.** It’s your time to shine! Tell your story succinctly, persuasively, and clearly. Don’t forget to personalize your message and show the impact an issue would have on your patients and your community. **Use plain English to explain the issues and what you do, as staff may not be familiar with physical therapy.**

## Places To Go

Below are a few options located near the Senate and House of Representatives where you can gather in between meetings or have lunch.

### APTA's Home Base for the Day on Capitol Hill

#### Reserve Organization of America/Top of the Hill

- 1 Constitution Ave. N.E. Reserved for APTA from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., stop by in between or after your meetings to give feedback, write thank-you notes, and connect with other advocates. You may not store your luggage at this location. There will be no refreshments at this location.

### Senate Side

#### Cafeterias

A cafeteria is located in the Dirksen Senate Office Building basement. An APTA staff member will be there from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to answer your questions.

#### Union Station

##### (all are located at 50 Massachusetts Ave. N.E.)

With ample seating, restaurants, food court, shopping, convenience and drug stores, and souvenir shops, Union Station is a great place for a group.

- Shake Shack \$ - Burgers, shakes, and crinkle-cut fries.
- Pizzeria Uno \$\$ - Chicago deep-dish pizza.
- Chipotle \$ - Burritos, tacos, and quesadillas.
- Chop't \$ - Fresh salads and bowls.
- Au Bon Pain \$ - Coffee, pastries, and café fare.
- McDonald's \$ - Burgers, fries, chicken nuggets.
- Chick-fil-A \$ - Chicken sandwiches, nuggets, and waffle fries.
- Wendy's \$ - Burgers, chicken sandwiches, baked potatoes, and salads.
- Jersey Mike's \$ - Philadelphia-style hoagies.
- Taco Bell \$ - Tacos, burritos, and nachos.
- CAVA \$ - Fast casual Mediterranean fare.

#### South of Union Station

- The Dubliner (4 F St. N.W.) \$\$-\$\$\$ - A D.C. classic with authentic Irish food and lively atmosphere.
- Corner Bakery (500 N. Capitol St. N.W.) \$ - Sandwiches and salads.
- The Monocle (107 D St. N.E.) \$\$-\$\$\$ - A Capitol Hill institution with steak and classic American fare.

#### Massachusetts Avenue N.E.

- Café Berlin (322 Mass. Ave. N.E.) \$\$ - German; features schnitzel and spätzle.
- Union Pub (201 Mass. Ave. N.E.) \$\$ - A Capitol Hill institution featuring burgers and sandwiches.
- Buffalo & Bergen (240 Mass. Ave N.E.) \$ - New York bagels, knishes, and sandwiches.

### House Side

#### Cafeterias

The Longworth Cafeteria is located in the basement and the Rayburn Cafeteria is located on the first floor. An APTA staff member will be in the Longworth Cafeteria from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. to answer your questions.

#### Pennsylvania Ave., SE

- Burrito Brothers (205 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$ - Large, enchilada-style burritos.
- We, the Pizza (305 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$ - "Top Chef" celebrity Spike Mendelsohn's pizza-by-the-slice.
- Good Stuff Eatery (303 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$ - Spike's other restaurant, with politically themed burgers.
- Tune Inn (331 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$\$ - A former speakeasy; sandwiches, burgers, and all-day breakfast.
- Hawk & Dove - (329 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$\$ - As seen on "The West Wing," upscale modern pub fare.
- Sweetgreen (221 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$ - Fast casual salad restaurant started in D.C.
- Hunan Dynasty (215 Penn. Ave. S.E.) \$-\$\$ - Chinese and sushi fare.

#### 1st Street S.E.

- Bullfeathers (410 1st St. S.E.) \$\$ - Theodore Roosevelt-themed sandwiches and burgers.
- Talay Thai (406 1st St. S.E.) \$-\$\$ - Thai classics such as pad thai and drunken noodles.

# After Your Meetings, and Additional Information

## APTA Staff Locations

To help you have a successful day on Capitol Hill while visiting your members of Congress, APTA staff will be stationed at the **Reserve Organization of America building**, located at **1 Constitution Ave. N.E.**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

APTA staff will also be located on Capitol Hill throughout the day. From 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. an APTA staff member will be in the Dirksen Senate Office Building cafeteria. From 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., an APTA staff member will be in the Longworth House Office Building cafeteria.

APTA staff will have master schedules; important information; limited first aid, such as band aids; and other resources. This location may be a good spot for you and your state to gather between visits, as well as serve as a meeting point if you become separated.

## APTA Advocacy App

You can use the APTA Advocacy App on Capitol Hill to find important information about your legislators. Use the Congressional Directory button to look up your legislator's office location, cosponsorship information, and biography. You also can use the Congressional Directory button to thank your legislators for meeting with you via Twitter or Facebook. Click on the Live Updates button to see what your fellow advocates are doing on the Hill. Be sure to share highlights from your day on Capitol Hill by using #PTAdvocacy from the Share button, and let APTA know how your legislative meetings went by filling out the "Fly-In" form from the Feedback button.

Search "APTA Action" or "APTA Advocacy" in the iTunes or Google Play stores to download the app.

## How to Write a Meeting Debrief Note

Sending APTA staff your meeting debrief is perhaps the most important task you can do at APTA Capitol Hill Day. The information from your meeting is extremely important to APTA staff and will help us in our ongoing advocacy efforts. Below are a few tips of what to include in an effective meeting debrief:

- Who did you meet with? Give us the names of the staffers.
- What issues did you specifically discuss and what questions or reactions did the legislator or their staff have?
- Did they ask any questions or specifically request APTA staff to follow up?

## Sample Thank-You Note to Legislator or Staff

Please send a thank-you note by email to the legislators and/or staff who met with you. Below is a sample thank-you note you can personalize.

Dear [SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE LAST NAME/OR NAME OF STAFFER],

As a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, thank you for taking the time to meet with me in Washington, D.C. I appreciate your interest in learning more about the physical therapy profession.

(Include any reflections from the meeting, or personal notes).

(Include any follow-up here, such as answering questions or including requested materials.)

On behalf of APTA and myself, thank you again.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME AND CREDENTIALS

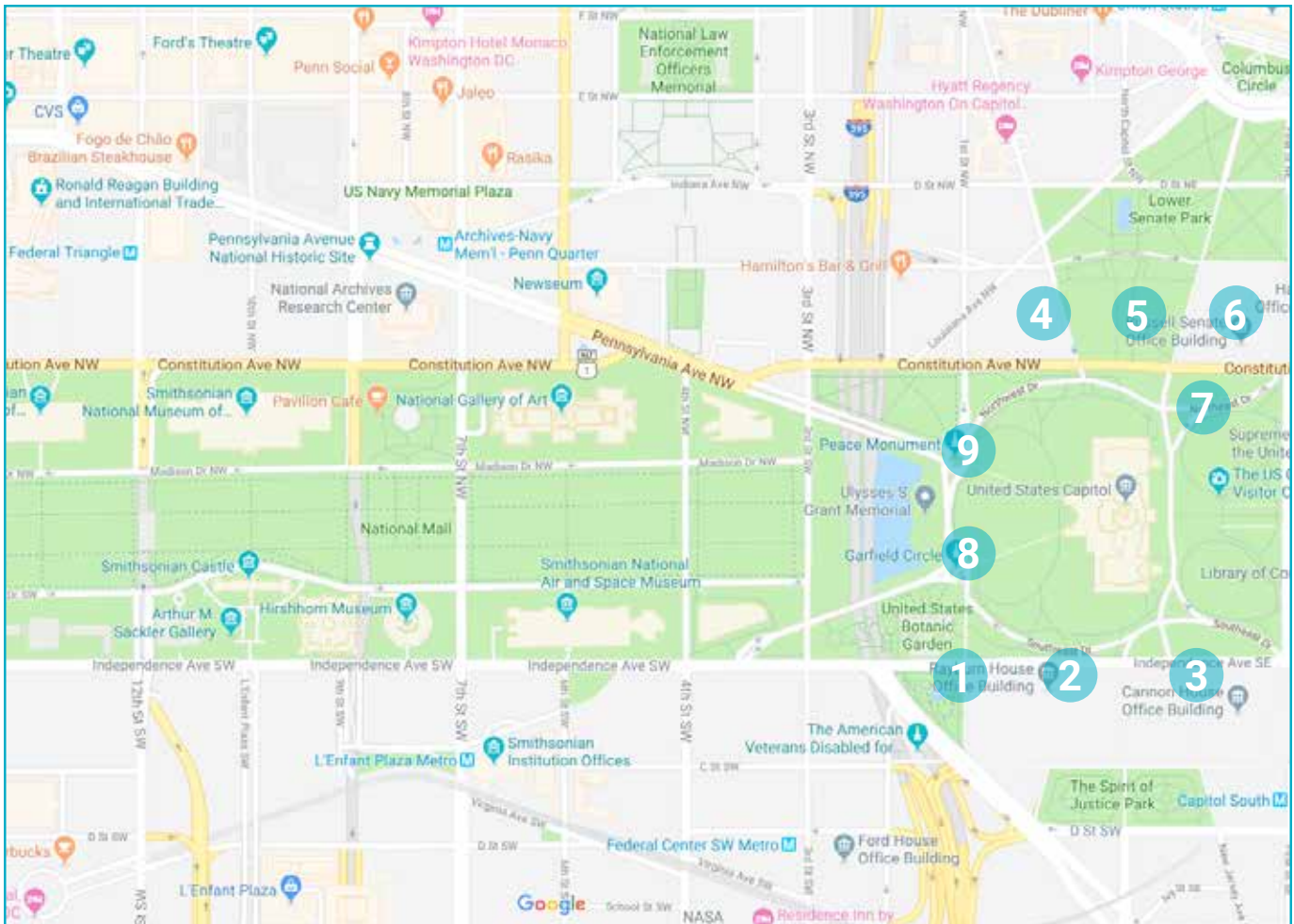
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## Post on Social Media

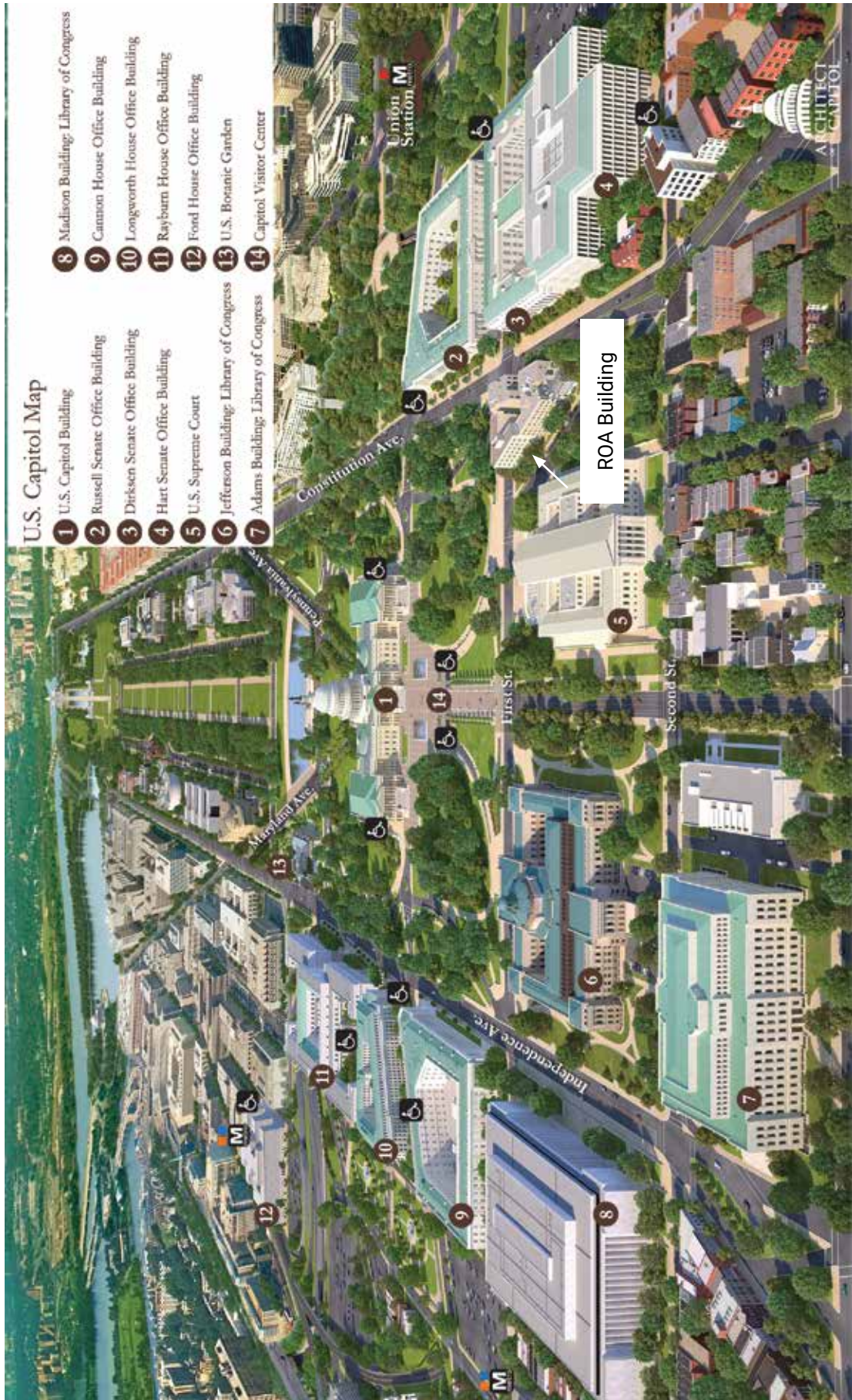
Legislators and their staff appreciate when they have a public thank-you on social media. Below are a few ideas, and best practices to craft your post.

- Keep it positive!
- Use #PTAdvocacy and join in the conversation.
- Let them know where you're visiting from and tag the legislator's official Twitter handle and the handles of other attendees.

# Maps



1. Rayburn House Office Building
2. Longworth House Office Building
3. Cannon House Office Building
4. Russell Senate Office Building
5. Dirksen Senate Office Building
6. Hart Senate Office Building
7. Reserve Organization of America
8. Morning bus drop-off
9. Afternoon bus pick-up



Below are a few common acronyms you may encounter during your experience at the APTA Capitol Hill Day.

## Federal Agencies

**CBO:** Congressional Budget Office [www.cbo.gov](http://www.cbo.gov)

**CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**CMS:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)

**DOD:** Department of Defense [www.defense.gov](http://www.defense.gov)

**FDA:** Food and Drug Administration [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

**FR:** Federal Register [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov)

**GAO:** Government Accountability Office [www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)

**HELP:** U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions [www.help.senate.gov](http://www.help.senate.gov)

**HHS:** Department of Health and Human Services [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov)

**HRSA:** Health Resources and Service Administration [www.hrsa.gov](http://www.hrsa.gov)

**NIH:** National Institutes of Health [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

**OMB:** Office of Management and Budget [www.whitehouse.gov/omb](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb)

**OPM:** Office of Personnel Management [www.opm.gov](http://www.opm.gov)

**VA:** Department of Veteran Affairs [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## Programs

**APS:** Alternative Payment System, see PTCPS

**FEHBP:** Federal Employee Health Benefit Program

**MIPS:** Merit-based Incentive Payment System

**PPHF:** Prevention and Public Health Fund

**PTCPS:** Physical Therapy Classification and Payment System

**QPP:** Quality Payment Program





