As a foundation trustee or staff member, you do not give up your rights as a citizen.

Have a thoughtful discussion within your foundation regarding public policy issues that affect your goals and programs.

GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT: Provide flexible funding so that organizations have the capacity to advocate.

RESEARCH: Fund research that clarifies the issues that your foundation supports. This provides support for grantees as they build their case for solutions.

ORGANIZING AND MOBILIZATION: Provide funding for constituency building by making grants to organizations that organize and mobilize stakeholders.

TRAINING: Through general operating support, provide funding for advocacy training and other capacity building activities.

LITIGATION: Support lawsuits on behalf of your issues when existing policy is not being applied.

MEDIA OUTREACH: Fund a communications strategy for advancing your issues—including outreach to the news media as well as producing outreach materials.

Play a leadership role in building broad coalition groups that can advocate for change.

Approach policymakers directly—within the parameters of the law.

Consult your legal counsel.