Connect with Congress

Call on Congress is a free telephone service that helps people contact legislators, explore campaign contributions, look up bills and connect callers to the local election office just by dialing 1-888-907-6886. http://calloncongress.sunlightfoundation.com/

The House Staff Directory empowers the public to better communicate with their elected representatives by making available staff names and (public) phone numbers and addresses. In addition to legislative offices, the directory also includes staffers from offices that support House activities. http://staffers.sunlightfoundation.com/

Research Government Data

Capitol Words explores the most popular words and phrases used by legislators in the U.S. Congress. Search the data from 1996 to today by state, date or politician. http://capitolwords.org/

House Expenditure Database is a searchable database of each House member's expenditures based on the quarterly Statement of Disbursements posted by the Office of the Chief Administrative. This database contains information that is a subset of the information provided in the PDFs. http://sunlightfoundation.com/projects/expenditures/

Scout is a rapid notification service that allows anyone to create customized email or text alerts on actions Congress takes on an issue or a specific bill. It also makes it easy to search federal regulations and track bills in all 50 states. The website tracks a variety of sources including the Congressional Record, THOMAS, GovTrack, the Federal Register and Sunlight's Open States project to create legislative news searches.https://scout.sunlightfoundation.com/

Influence Explorer connects the dots of political contributions on the federal and state level allowing you to track influence by lawmaker, company or prominent individual. http://influenceexplorer.com/

Learn New Skills

Sunlight Academy is an interactive training portal that aims to provide instructional and education resources to make government more transparency and accountable. The different training modules cover a range of topics from basic research skills to comprehensive issue specific tools and resources. http://training.sunlightfoundation.com/

At your Finger Tip (Mobile Apps)

Congress for Android is the fast and free way to access real-time information about Congress on your android phone. http://sunlightfoundation.com/projects/congress-for-android/

Open States for iPhone and iPad provides up-to-date information on what's happening in your state legislature, from bills being considered and how to contact lawmakers, campaign finance and voting records, plus local news. www.openstates.org

To explore more projects, visit: http://sunlightfoundation.com/projects/
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