



ESA SCIENCE ADVOCACY **P**riorities

The Entomological Society of America (ESA) is a non-partisan scientific organization. We represent a broad spectrum of opinions united under one principle: the promotion and advancement of scientific inquiry, discovery, and communication. The issues below are those on which we are most actively engaged. To support our efforts, we join coalitions of scientific societies to further our mission; employ policy specialists to assist in our decision-making; provide accurate scientific input to lawmakers, agency leaders, and other community stakeholders; and develop and support programming to educate scientists about the importance of scientific advocacy. This list of science policy priorities is based on member input. The priorities are overseen by the ESA Science Policy Committee and managed by ESA staff and our collaborators.

NOTES

1. ESA's level of engagement on scientific issues can be fluid as circumstances change.
2. Issues are not listed hierarchically.

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Active	Engaged	Watching
<p>ISSUES</p> <p>Highest levels of investing ESA resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific integrity • Invasive insect species • Pollinator health • Public health (Vector-borne diseases) • Climate change • Science communication <hr/> <p>POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with policymakers • Hosting/co-hosting Capitol Hill briefings • Writing position statements or white papers • Engaging with federal agencies or related NGOs • Authoring letters of support • Social media advocacy • Issuing press releases on policy-relevant publications • Presentations at ESA meetings 	<p>ISSUES</p> <p>Modest level of investing ESA resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insecticide resistance management • Integrated pest management • Public outreach and education • Loss of biodiversity • Genetically-modified disease vectors • Entomological collections <hr/> <p>POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participating in briefings hosted by other groups • Signing on to letters of support from other groups • Meetings with policymakers • Writing position statements or white papers • Engaging with federal agencies or related NGOs 	<p>ISSUES</p> <p>Lowest level of investing ESA resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural genetically-modified organisms • Sustainable agriculture • Professional education and training • Food safety • Urban pest management <hr/> <p>POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These issues align with ESA priorities, but may not merit immediate attention. Engagement will be limited to opportunities that are low-cost and high-impact.

Submit your comments at www.entsoc.org/science-policy-comments



Advocating for Science with ESA's Science Policy Program: *What Can You Do Next?*

Now that you have marched, it's time for the next step. You participated in the March for Science, you care about science, and you want to advocate for your profession. Great! But how? What actions can you take to advocate for the importance of science to our understanding of the world and the health and happiness of all?

One way would be for you to **get involved with ESA's Science Policy program** and help raise awareness of the importance of the entomological sciences in policy discussions.

 **Stay informed:** All active ESA members receive *Science Policy News*, ESA's monthly newsletter written by the science policy experts at Lewis Burke Associates. Each month, *Science Policy News* updates you on ESA advocacy efforts and legislative and regulatory news of interest to entomologists.

 **Contribute to ESA science policy documents:** Volunteer to serve on a writing committee to develop an ESA position statement, fact sheet, or infographic. Opportunities to serve on writing committees are announced in the *ESA eNews* and *Science Policy News* as they are available.

 **Call your legislators:** The Science Policy section of ESA's website hosts searchable directories of representatives and senators as well as customizable advocacy scripts. Call your representative or senator to express your thoughts about issues of importance to entomology and science more broadly.

 **Visit your legislators:** The Science Policy section of ESA's website includes a template you can use to request a meeting with your members of Congress, a do's and don'ts guide to help you make that meeting more effective, and a one-page "leave-behind" document on the importance of entomological research.

 **Learn to advocate more effectively:** Schedule time to participate in an ESA policy training workshop. These workshops, held at the ESA Annual Meeting and at other times of year, can help you learn to be a more effective advocate for science and better communicate with policymakers.

 **Take it to the next level:** Apply to serve as an ESA Science Policy Fellow. Each year, ESA selects five Science Policy Fellows to participate in a high-level, two-year training program on public advocacy for entomology and entomological research, including two trips a year to Washington D.C. to meet with legislative staff and agency leaders.

For more information about ESA and advocating for science go to www.entsoc.org/esa-science-policy