



Our NEW Public Policy Advocacy Tool

AAUWMI Action Alert: What it is & How to Use it

Resistbot is a simple, free tool that helps people contact their elected officials by sending a text message to 50409. It is an automated assistant that replies instantly with clear instructions when you text it. AAUWMI has chosen Resistbot as the platform for **AAUWMI Action Alert**, our new advocacy tool to alert our membership and public policy allies to take quick action on important pending legislation in the state of Michigan. Instead of searching for email addresses for your elected officials or writing your own message, you can sign an AAUWMI–drafted petition and send it to your representatives in under a minute!

✓ **How to SIGN UP for RESISTBOT:**

1. Open your texting app.
2. In the “To” field, type: **50409**
3. In the message box, type **FOLLOW AAUWMI**
4. Press your phone’s **SEND** button.
5. You are now registered.

Note: The first time you use Resistbot in response to an Action Alert, you will be asked for your first name, last name, and zip code. You are asked for this information so the Bot can send your email message to the correct elected officials. You also will be asked for a title (e.g. Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.). It’s irritating to have to indicate your marital status, but email systems used by legislators require this information.

✓ **How to TAKE ACTION:**

Now that you are registered for AAUWMI Action Alerts, you will receive text alerts about AAUWMI petitions on your phone’s texting app. Texts will come from the number **50409**.

Here is **AN EXAMPLE** of what an AAUWMI Action Alert might look like:

TAKE ACTION TODAY: AAUWMI is asking members to contact your legislators to vote NO on two education bills that will shift resources away from K-12 public schools. Please text "**SIGN DEF456**" to **50409** to urge your representatives to vote NO on H.R. 2478 and S. 3612.

✓ **How to RESPOND:**

1. In the message box, type: **SIGN DEF456**
2. Press your phone's **SEND** button.
3. Resistbot will reply and may sometimes (even if you've used it before) ask for your first name, last name, and ZIP code.
4. Resistbot will display the petition and prompt you to **READ** it or **SEND** it.
5. If you don't agree with the petition's position, you can type **CANCEL**. This ends the current action without unsubscribing you from future AAUWMI alerts.
6. When ready, type the word **SEND** to submit your message.
7. Look for a confirmation message that your email was sent.

✓ **You Can Also Use ResistBot on Your Computer**

1. Go to the AAUWMI page on Resistbot: <https://resist.bot/go/aauwmi>. You will find a list of current petitions here.
2. Click on the title of a petition to read the text.
3. After reading the petition, click the **PINK BUTTON** at the top right of the petition text. If you aren't already following AAUWMI on Resistbot, the button will probably prompt you to do so. If you are already following AAUWMI, the button will likely say **SIGN PETITION**.
4. Follow any on-screen prompts. If Resistbot asks how you would like to send the signed petition to your elected officials, choose the free option to email it.
5. After signing, you will receive a confirmation on your computer to let you know your message was sent.

Have questions? Email stateservices@aauwmi.org

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