



Government Relations Subcommittee: Introduction + Current Status

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Introduction

Current Membership + Contact

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Mission Statement

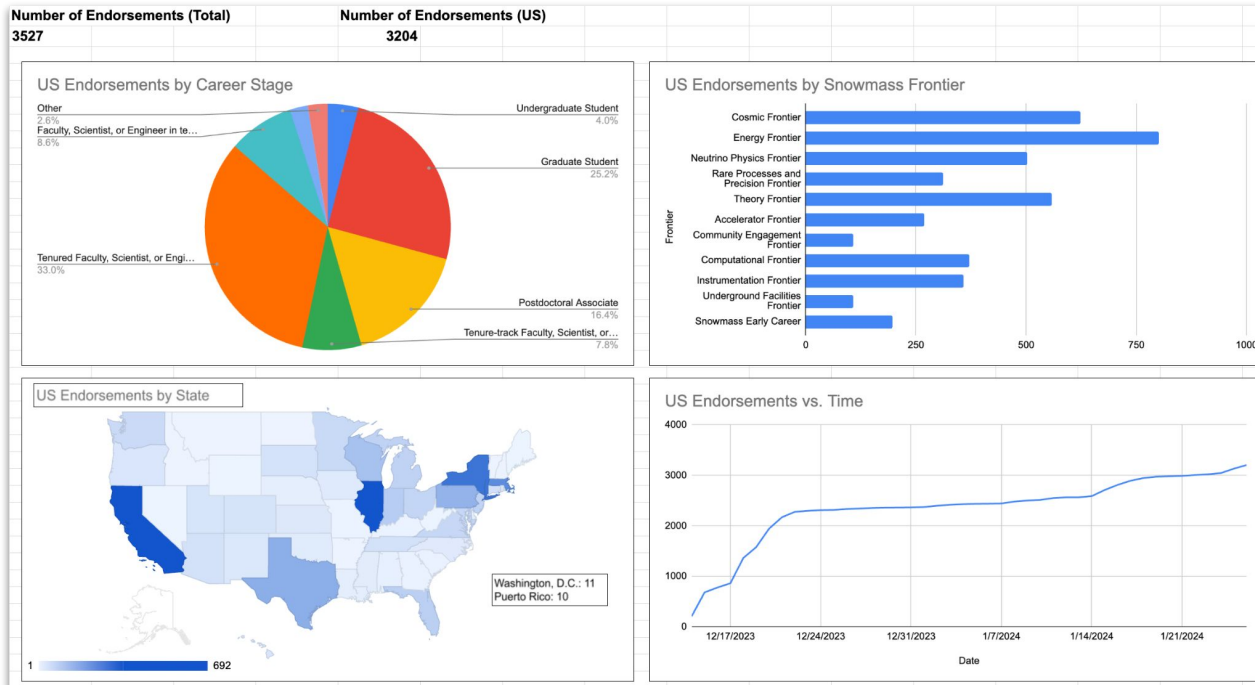
The USLUA Government Relations Subcommittee aims to forge a stronger connection between the US LHC scientific community and policymakers. The group seeks to advocate for the interests and priorities of the US particle physics community, such as those set forth in the latest P5 plan; to make information on science policy issues and the federal funding process more transparent and easily accessible to the community; and to help enable the community to actively shape policies supporting the advancement of particle physics research and science more broadly in the United States, at CERN, and around the world.

Resources + Info

- Meetings this semester (biweekly until the DC Trip): Fridays 3 pm Eastern
- External: <https://www.uslua.org/government-relations>
- Internal: Google Drive contains documents with meeting slides, minutes, activities, and other organizational information

P5 Endorsements At-A-Glance

- Endorsement Responses ([here](#)), Statistics ([here](#))
- Endorsements from every state + DC + PR except Alaska



Goals + Activities Over the Past Year

Inreach – Goals from Early 2023 Met

- Increase DC Trip Participation to 15-20 in 2024 → *Done!*
- Hold more (3-5) dedicated talks / events this year → *Done!*
 - ◆ USATLAS Annual Meeting Talk, [USCMS Annual Meeting Talk](#), [DOE CompHEP Workshop Talk](#), [LPC Workshop](#)
- Add government relations webpage this year → *Done!*

Outreach – Goals from Early 2023 Met + Ongoing

- Expand “Off-Season” Advocacy → *Done!* + *Ongoing!*
 - ◆ Some members joining APS non-appropriations season local advocacy effort on an ad-hoc basis
 - ◆ “Adopt-a-District” Campaign
- Connect with APS leadership to discuss common interests and challenges → *Ongoing!*
- Continue to build relationships with funding agencies → *Done!* + *Ongoing!*
 - ◆ Sarah Charley will notify us of CERN VIP Visits by relevant US agencies (e.g. DOE, NSF)

DC Trip News + Preparation (1/2)

Date: April 9-11, 2024

Participants: 66 Total

- Organizations: USLUA + UEC + SLUO + ANL + BNL + LBNL
- USLUA: 18 directly invited/sponsored, ≥ 33 affiliated
 - ◆ Invited: >~ 50 (USLUEC Members, P5 Members, Lightning Round Winners, those demonstrating strong interest, ...)

Funding: USLUA has pledged ~14-15k

- Total unrestricted funds: ~30k
- 2024 DC Trip: 61 person-days (47 funded); funding includes travel, lodging, per diem

Training: Starting next week (organization in progress)

- Four ~1 hr training sessions: “Introduction”, “Why We Advocate”, “Preparing for Meetings”, “On the Ground”

DC Trip News + Preparation (2/2)

Materials: USParticlePhysics.org Content Group (w/ help from Sandbox) preparing materials

- Reference: [2023 Full Packet](#), [2023 Small Packet](#)
- Major Updates: Introductory 1-Pager, Progress + Priorities, Builds STEM Leaders, Value Diversity
- New Materials: P5 Strategy 1-Sheet, P5 Endorsements 1-Sheet, TBD Future Colliders

The Ask: How much money we request

- DOE Office of Science: \$9.5 billion
- DOE HEP: \$1.385 billion
- NSF: \$11.9 billion
- Language finalization in progress

Conclusions + Next Steps

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- Inreach: Significantly ramped up USLUA GR activity and DC Trip participation over the past year after COVID lull
- Outreach: We can continue to build stronger relationships with other organizations that have share common interests

Immediate Action Items: DC Trip Prep

- Finalize lodging (UEC lead on hotel block)
- Finalize + run training, assign meetings
- Finalize materials
- Set up executive branch / agency meetings (Harvey)
- Prepare business cards (with new P5 branding)

Looking Ahead: Ideas for 2024 + Early 2025

- Excited for new (and continuing) USLUEC members to join the Government Relations Subcommittee!
- Significant increase in DC trip interest and participation this year, so we are well positioned to build on this momentum
- People will be interested in hearing congress' thoughts on the new P5
- Expand efforts to building relationships with other organizations (e.g. APS)