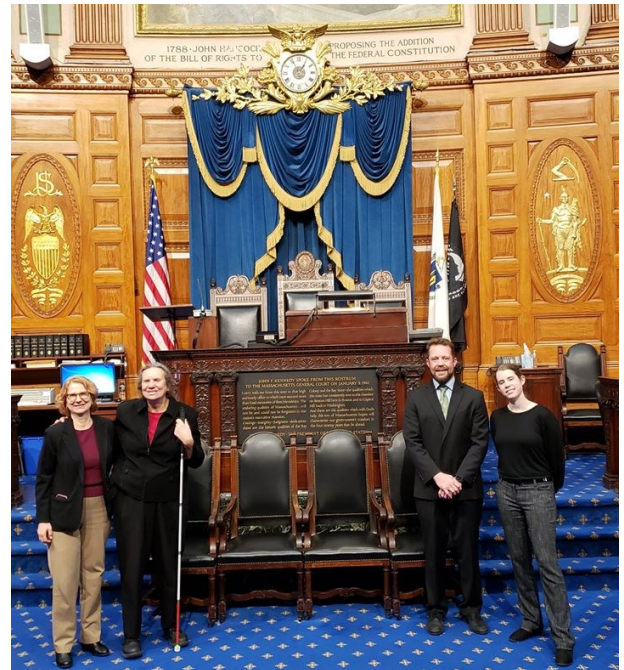


Legislative Advocacy at the State House

On February 26, 2020 DEAF, Inc.'s Executive Director—Sharon Applegate, DBCAN Director—Elaine Ducharme, Development Director—Ture Turnbull, and Executive Assistant—Sofia German visited the Massachusetts State House to advocate for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services and for the DeafBlind Community Access Network (DBCAN).

They met with the offices of President of the Senate Karen Spilka and Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and both seemed receptive to their appeals.



From left to right - Sharon Applegate, Elaine Ducharme, Ture Turnbull and Sofia German at the State House.

If you feel strongly about any legislation, now is the time to let your senator and representative know. Go to <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator> to find who they are. You can call them, email them, or send them a letter explaining your concerns.

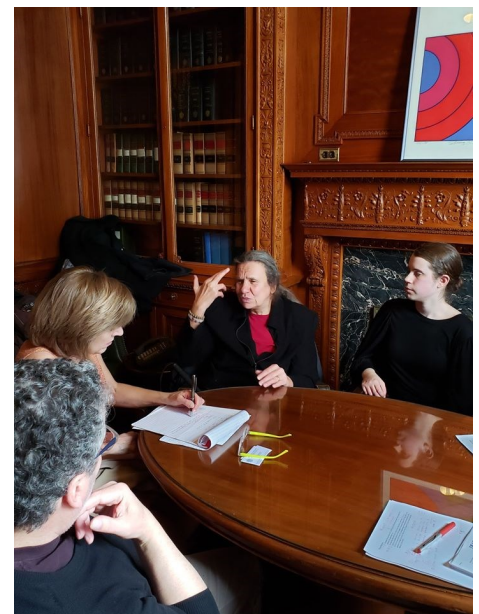


From right to left - Sharon Applegate, Elaine Ducharme, Ture Turnbull and Sofia German at the State House by the Senate President's office



Meeting with Susan Nicholl, Senate President Karen Spilka's District Liaison.

Meeting with Ethan Smith, Senior Policy Advisor of Senator Sonia Chang Diaz.



Elaine Ducharme explaining to Susan Nicholl the need for DBCAN services.