Located in our nation's capital, the Joint National Committee for Languages (JNCL) is a mission-driven membership organization representing over 130 members with a national network of +300,000 professionals and specialists from the education, non-profit, business, and industry sectors. Our team analyzes federal & state legislation, provides policy recommendations to decision-makers on Capitol Hill, and tracks the budget & appropriations process in Congress. We empower our stakeholders by connecting them with members of Congress to advance the language agenda in the U.S.

Our Mission

- **To ensure** that Americans have the opportunity to learn English and at least one other language;
- **To advance** the language profession in the US; and
- **To raise awareness** about the importance of language and international education to the national interest.

Our Vision

We envision a world where the Language Enterprise:

- **Facilitates** the free movement of people, information, and ideas;
- **Builds** mutual understanding and acceptance of cultural and linguistic diversity; and
- **Promotes** the personal development of the individual

JNCL-NCLIS ensures your voice is heard when laws are made that affect the language enterprise. If you work in languages in any way, you should be a member.

Your membership:

- Unites all aspects of the entire language enterprise into one voice
- Amplifies the voice of all language professionals on Capitol Hill
- Empowers individuals to become champion advocates for languages

Member benefits:

- Tracking language-related legislation around the country and how it relates to you.
- Access to JNCL-NCLIS staff expertise
- Assistance with messaging for local advocacy initiatives
- Broadcast of your local initiatives in the national network
- Access to your legislators during our Language Advocacy Days
- Participation in the prestigious JNCL-NCLIS awards program
- Exclusive white papers, reports, analyses on federal & state policy

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