

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 10320

To require Members of Congress to convene and attend town halls in their respective congressional districts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Town Halls for All
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ATTENDANCE AT TOWN HALLS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each Member of Congress shall
8 convene and attend a town hall, which shall be open to
9 the general public and in the congressional district of the
10 Member, not fewer than 12 times in a calendar year.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.—The term
3 “congressional district” means—

4 (A) with respect to a Senator, the State of
5 the Senator; and

6 (B) with respect to a Representative in, or
7 a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
8 Congress, the congressional district of the Rep-
9 resentative, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
10 sioner.

11 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-
12 ber of Congress” means a Senator or Representative
13 in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the
14 Congress.

15 (3) TOWN HALL.—The term “town hall” means
16 a proceeding open to the general public, which shall
17 be conducted as an in-person gathering that meets
18 the following requirements:

19 (A) No fee is charged for a member of the
20 general public to join the town hall.

21 (B) Public notice of the town hall, includ-
22 ing the date, time, and city of the town hall, is
23 provided not less than 4 calendar days before
24 the town hall, with the precise location of the
25 town hall provided to such members of the gen-

1 eral public who register interest in attendance
2 to the Member if such location is not provided
3 in a public notice.

4 (C) The public notice referred to in sub-
5 paragraph (B) is provided—

6 (i) by electronic mail, newsletter dis-
7 tribution list, or social media;

8 (ii) through the website of the Mem-
9 ber; or

10 (iii) using any other method of com-
11 munication regularly used by the Member
12 to constituents.

13 (D) The town hall meets accessibility re-
14 quirements under the Americans with Disabil-
15 ities Act of 1990.

16 (E) The town hall runs for at least 1 hour,
17 unless exigent circumstances cut short the town
18 hall.

19 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 This Act shall take effect at the start of the next Con-
21 gress after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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