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St. Charles REALTORS® Met with Lawmakers in Washington, D.C. to Advocate for Policies to Promote Housing Availability and Increase Access to Homeownership



Meetings took place during the 2025 REALTORS® Legislative Meetings

ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI--June 9, 2025--During the 2025 National Association of [REALTORS®](#) [Legislative Meetings](#), fourteen members of the St. Charles REALTORS® met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C., to advocate for policies that will increase the housing supply and improve access to homeownership.

Members and staff of the St. Charles REALTORS® met with Senator Eric Schmitt, Representative Jason Smith, Representative Wesley Bell, and Representative Bob Onder and discussed:

- Private property rights;
- Building housing supply and opportunity for all;

- Support for self-employed professionals;
- How NAR research products show the impact of real estate on the economy and the vital role it plays for consumers and;
- The importance of property ownership in building safe, resilient communities.

“Real estate represents nearly one fifth of the United States’ GDP. The meetings on Capitol Hill were an opportunity for the St. Charles REALTORS® to talk directly with lawmakers about the positive impact REALTORS® have in local communities and for the broader economy,” said St. Charles REALTORS® President Sarah Bell.

NAR and the St. Charles REALTORS® support policies that will address the estimated 4.7 million home shortage in America. Increasing the supply of housing, easing market constraints, and making it easier for Americans to find homes they can afford will stabilize prices, revitalize communities, and support the American Dream of homeownership.

“Homeownership builds generational wealth, but a 4.7 million home shortage threatens middle-class prosperity. The members of Congress we met with were receptive to our ideas and appreciated that REALTORS® are hard-working entrepreneurs who make the American Dream of homeownership possible,” added Bell.

NAR, and state and local associations organized the meetings on Capitol Hill as a part of their advocacy efforts on behalf of the real estate industry.

As the leading resource for real estate in the area, St. Charles Realtors® is a nonprofit, real estate trade association serving over 2,000 Realtor® and Affiliate members. The Association is dedicated to serving the real estate professionals of St. Charles County and the families and property owners they serve by uniting to advocate for real property rights, delivering educational programs that advance professionalism, connecting members and the community through outreach, and being accountable and transparent to its membership.

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