

# AMERICA WALKS

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## **America Walks Brings Over 150 Advocates to Capitol Hill with Walk the Hill Day**

*Washington, DC-* America Walks, as part of the 2015 National Walking Summit, led the Walk the Hill Day on Capitol Hill Wednesday. Over 150 local advocates visited offices of the US Senate and US House of Representatives to discuss issues of walking and promoting walkable communities for every American.

Representing 33 states from across the US, advocates spoke with members of Congress and their staff to request their support for critical legislation that would allow every American safe and accessible walking conditions. Participants represented state and regional organizations, state government agencies, and experts from leading national organizations focused on making America a great place to walk.

The success of the Walk the Hill Day demonstrated the growing demand for safe walkable communities to Capitol Hill. America Walks Executive Director Scott Bricker believes that it brings necessary attention to a basic human function, mode of transportation and recreation that continues to grow in popularity, saying “We are seeing a growing call for walkable communities across America, from millennials to aging adults. It is critical that government at all levels provide the funding, infrastructure and other services needed to answer this call to ensure that all people can walk safely and conveniently.”

The 2015 National Walking Summit, attended by over 500 people this week in Washington DC, is a demonstration of the strength of the walking movement. Participants heard from leading speakers including U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy. The Summit was made possible with the support of organizations including Kaiser Permanente, AARP, American Heart Association, National League of Cities, and National Association of Realtors. The Summit provided participants an opportunity to discuss best practices, share success stories and develop strategies that will continue to pave the way to a walkable America. For more on the 2015 National Walking Summit, visit [www.walkingsummit.org](http://www.walkingsummit.org).

America Walks, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is the only national organization devoted to making America a great place to walk. Along with a network of 700 local, state and national organizational partners and allies, America Walks promotes safe, convenient and accessible walking conditions for all. For more on the work of America Walks, visit [www.americawalks.org](http://www.americawalks.org).

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