



# Day at the State Capitol

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**HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**  
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**MICHIGAN DEAF ASSOCIATION**

The fourth annual **Day at the State Capitol** will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**. This is an annual event to create awareness of the needs of Michigan citizens with hearing loss, and make our legislators aware of issues important to us that relate to our communication difficulties.

This year's event is being held in the House Speaker's Library, Room 252 State Capitol, in conjunction with the Michigan Legislative Disability Caucus monthly meeting.

**Hearing Loss Awareness Month:** May 2009 will be proclaimed Hearing Loss Awareness Month in Michigan with Resolutions being offered in the Senate and House on the day of our event.

## 2009 Issues of Importance to People with Hearing Loss

- Communication Access to State Government
- 21st Century Telecommunications
- Federal Hearing Aid Assistance Tax Credit Act
- State Income Tax Credit for Hearing Aids
- Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids
- Dementia Misdiagnoses in the Elderly
- Accessing Mental Health Services
- Children's Special Health Care Services
- Support Services for Deaf/Blind

**Cost of Event:** Registration is free. Your only cost is transportation and parking.

**Event Access:** CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation), Interpreters, Induction Loop, and FM Listening systems will be provided.

**Lunch:** A free box lunch will be provided to all attendees who register by the May 1, 2009 deadline. Invite your legislators to join us!

Find contact information for legislators by going to the following websites.

Senate: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/FindYourSenator/michiganfys.asp>

House of Representatives: [http://house.michigan.gov/find\\_a\\_rep.asp](http://house.michigan.gov/find_a_rep.asp)

## Agenda

**10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.**  
**Check - in at the House**  
**Speaker's Library**

**11:00 A.M.**  
**Welcome**

**11:15 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.**  
**How to Advocate Issues**  
**With Legislators**

**12 NOON - 1:00 P.M.**  
**Lunch and presentation**  
**on hearing loss issues**

**1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.**  
**Wrap - up**

**1:30 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.**  
**Michigan House Session**

**1:45 P.M.**  
**Adjourn**

## DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MAY 1, 2009!

Complete the form below and send it as soon as possible. Requests for communication access other than those listed above must be received by May 1, 2009.

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