

Questions: Public Policy & Advocacy

Sample discussion points to consider in small groups. You may discuss these or any topics you find relevant!

1. **Electrification:** Electrification, including fuel switching, are becoming a prominent point for the current Congress and Administration. NEUAC often is asked for a policy position related to electrification. Should NEUAC develop a policy statement on electrification related to affordability? What is our position? Would there be value in a 3 or 4-part webinar series on topics related to electrification/policy/affordability? Brainstorm potential topics/speakers?
2. **Cooling Assistance:** Climate change and natural disasters have led to increased need for cooling as a health and safety concern. Providing A/C or fans comes at a cost to families, however; increasing their energy burden while addressing a need. To what extent should NEUAC promote cooling as equal to heating needs for families? What level of LIHEAP/energy assistance would be necessary to make cooling more accessible?
3. **Water Assistance:** To what extent should NEUAC be involved in water affordability legislation? What is our position?
4. **Current energy policy concerns:** CR, inflation, fuel price projections, an emergency supplemental, affordability concerns related to fuel switching