

Stand Up for Science Hosting ‘Empty Chair’ Town Halls in Select Congressional Districts in Ohio and Kentucky

Public events will connect Stand Up for Science with local science advocates and constituents to hear their concerns.

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, August 27, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Starting on Monday, August 31, [Stand Up for Science](#) is hosting a series of in-person ‘empty chair’ town halls in three congressional districts in Ohio and one in Kentucky.

“This period of Congressional recess used to be prime time for holding town halls. But based on what we’re hearing from science advocates, the incumbents in these four districts aren’t listening to their constituents’ concerns. So we’re holding these town halls for them, to give people a platform to share their thoughts with us instead,” said Dr. Colette Delawalla, CEO and Founder of Stand Up for Science.

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Delawalla and the Stand Up for Science team will host the town halls, which are open to the public. Members of the press are also invited to attend. Registration is requested.

Stand Up for Science ‘Empty Chair’ Town Hall Tour Stops:

- Monday, August 31, 2026, near Cleveland, Ohio (OH-7)
- Tuesday, September 1, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio (OH-15)
- Wednesday, September 2, 2026, in Dayton, Ohio (OH-10)
- Thursday, September 3, 2026, in Lexington, Kentucky (KY-6)



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All events begin at 6:30 p.m. Eastern time. [Register for a Town Hall here.](#)

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Stand Up for Science is a grassroots, Washington, D.C. based, non-profit organization mobilizing the fight for science and democracy. Stand Up for Science was formed in February 2025 in response to actions affecting federal science agencies and funding of the American scientific ecosystem. On March 7th, Stand Up For Science mobilized over 50,000 people at 170+ events across the world on its first National Day of Action. Federal scientists across multiple agencies (NIH, EPA, NASA, FEMA) have chosen Stand Up for Science as the platform to publish their open letters of concern. Stand Up For Science is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization [EIN: 33-4154429] and donations are not tax-deductible.

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