**Constituent:** a person who is able to vote for the elected officials who represent where they live.

**Dear Colleague Letter:** a formal letter sent by one member of a legislative body to all fellow members to ask for cosponsors and support for a bill or initiative.

**Grant Preference:** the outlined qualities or characteristics that are preferred in the applications from potential grantees.

**Legislative Scorecard:** a tool used by advocacy groups to rank legislators or candidates for office on their actions and stances. MENTOR’s Legislative Scorecard for this Congress can be found here.

**Town Hall Meeting:** events for elected officials to meet with their constituents and hear from them on specific topics of interest or discuss community issues.