

Sharpen Your Advocacy Tools

# HOW TO USE THE OPEN STATES LEGISLATIVE LOOKUP



# Thank You!



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## Mission

The Going Home Coalition is a diverse statewide network of self-advocates, families, community service providers and allies. We purposefully advocate to create systems change, transition institutional living through increasing community capacity, and empower fair and equal choices and opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



## Vision

The Going Home Coalition's vision for people with disabilities in Illinois is to live in a truly individualized person-centered system with the supports and services they choose.

Everyone, no matter what challenges they may face, has the right to live a full life in the community. Community is strengthened by diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.



# Today we'll be using a tool to identify your legislators.

A screenshot of a web form titled "Find Your Legislators" enclosed in a green border. The form features a header with the title and an icon of three people. Below the icon is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter Address", a blue "Search" button, and a blue "Use Current Location" button. A horizontal line is positioned below the search bar.

Find Your Legislators



Enter Address Search Use Current Location

# It's called The Legislative Lookup



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LEGISLATIVE  
LOOKUP

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# LEGISLATIVE LOOKUP

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Open the camera on your phone and aim it at this QR code.



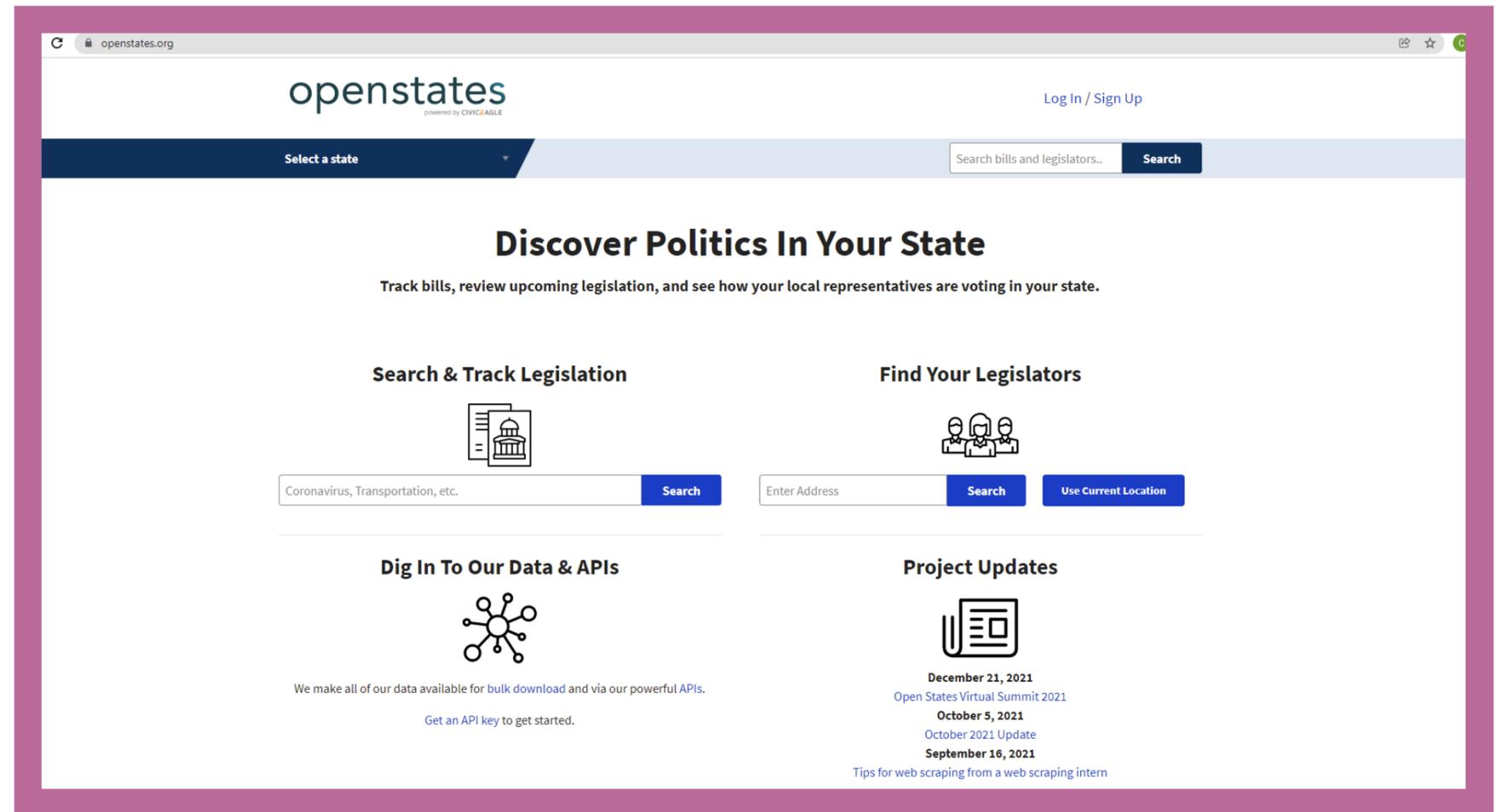
Press on the  
message when  
it pops up.



Website QR Code  
Open "openstates.org"  
in Safari



# Then, you'll see the openstates.org webpage.



If you're at home,  
click on the  
**Use Current Location**  
button.



The screenshot shows the OpenStates.org homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'openstates' logo, a 'Log In / Sign Up' link, and a search bar for bills and legislators. Below this is a 'Select a state' dropdown menu. The main content area is titled 'Discover Politics In Your State' and includes a sub-header: 'Track bills, review upcoming legislation, and see how your local representatives are voting in your state'. There are two main sections: 'Search & Track Legislation' and 'Find Your Legislator'. The 'Find Your Legislator' section contains an 'Enter Address' input field, a 'Search' button, and a 'Use Current Location' button. A large green arrow points down to the 'Use Current Location' button. Below these sections are 'Dig In To Our Data & APIs' and 'Project Updates'.

# Your legislators and district will appear!



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Select a state

Search bills and legislators... Search

## Find your Legislators

Look up your legislators by address or use your current location.

Enter your address  Search by Address Use Current Location

State

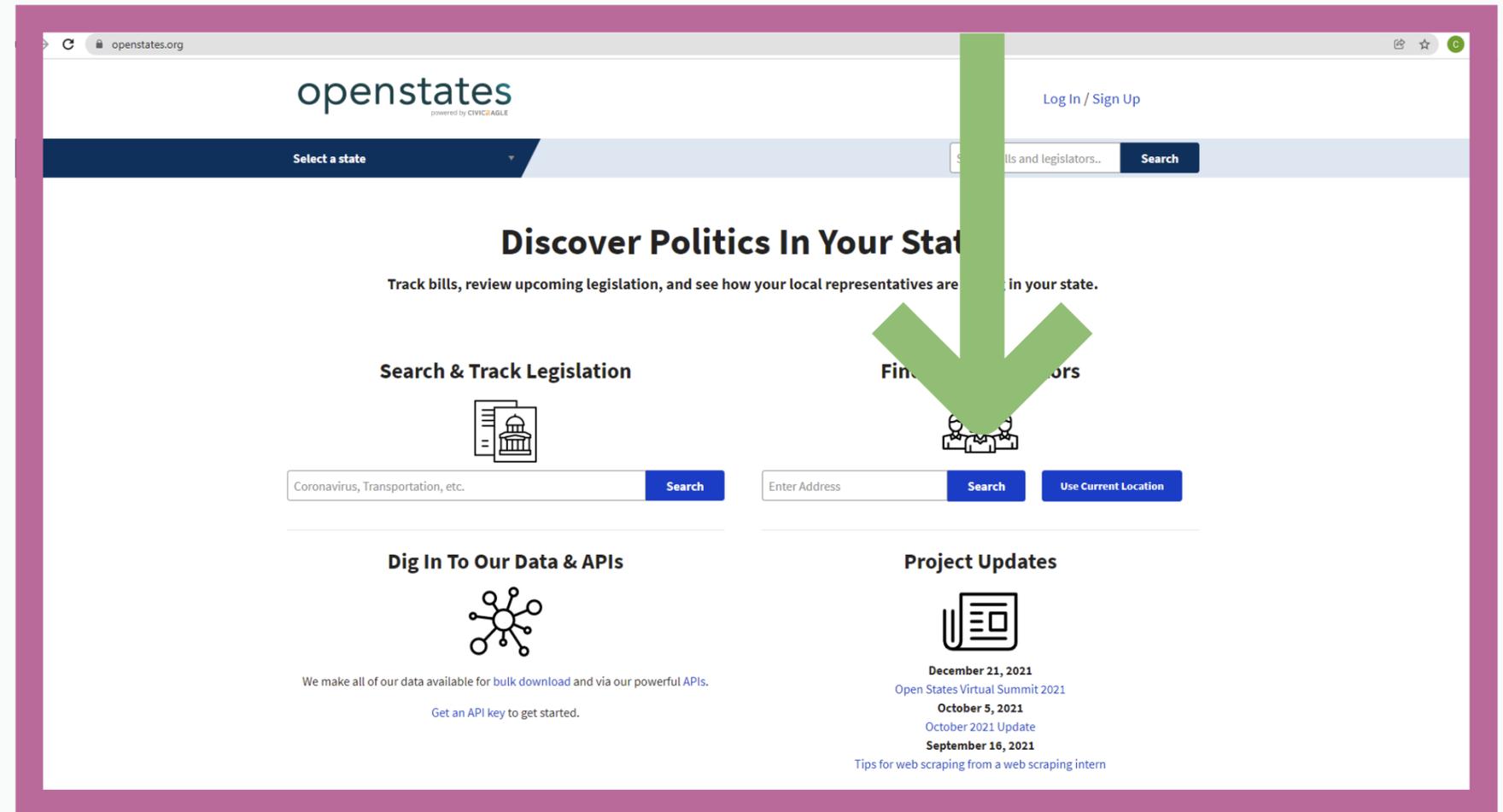
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Federal

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If you're not at home, choose the **Search by Address** button and type in your address.



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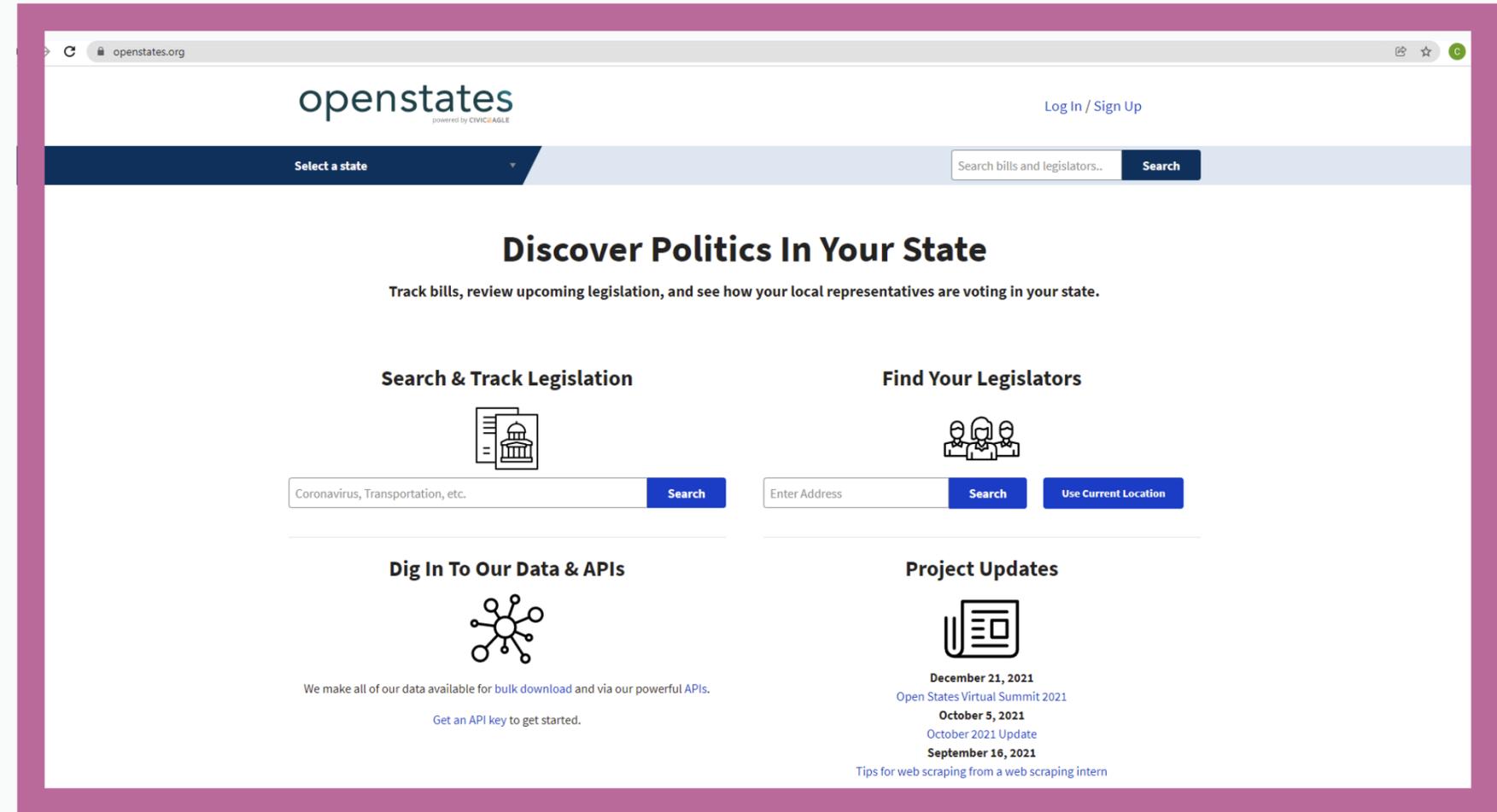
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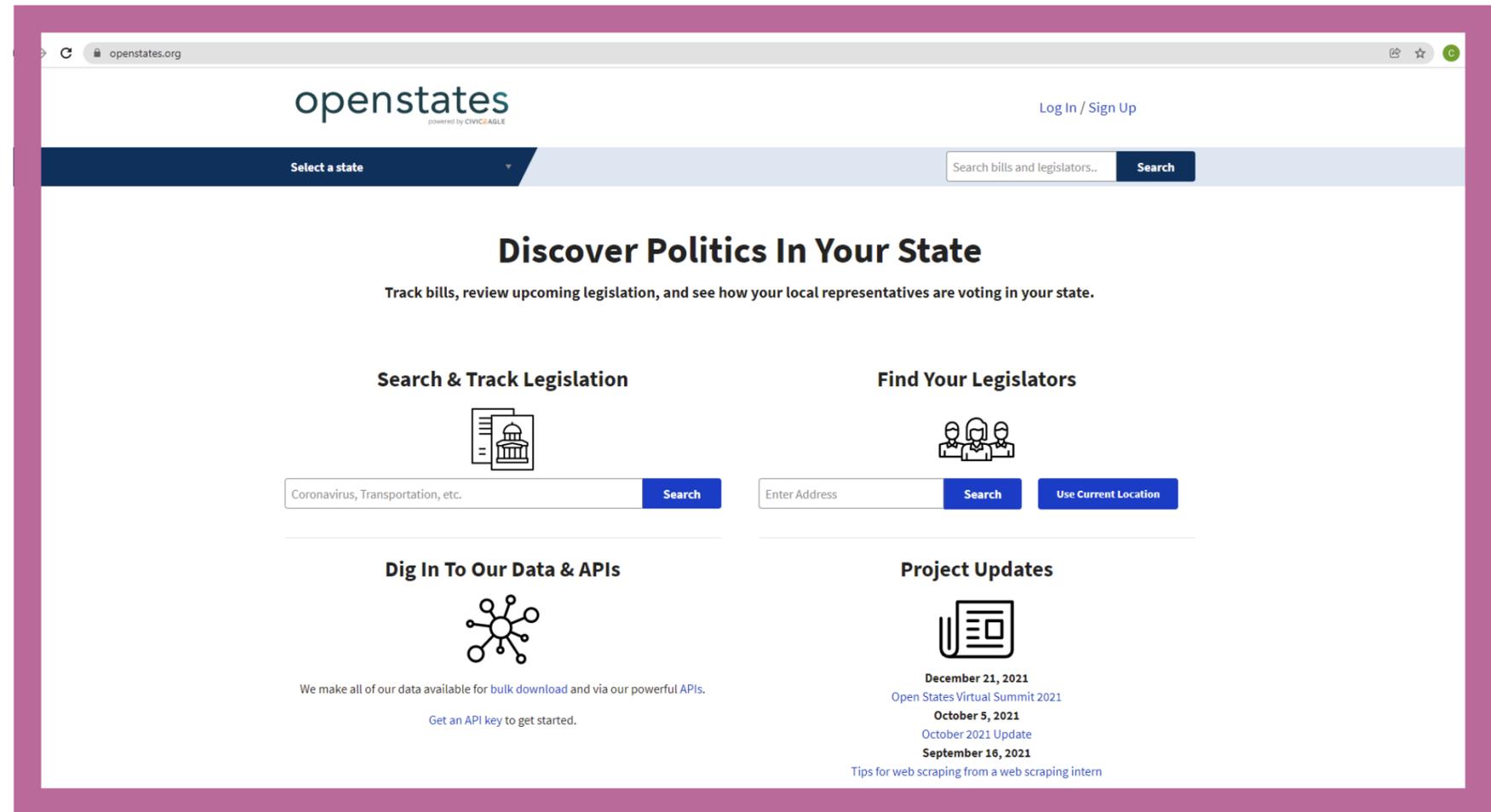
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# Here is a screenshot of the Open States Legislative Lookup webpage.



You'll find it by  
typing or  
cut and paste  
openstates.org  
into your browser



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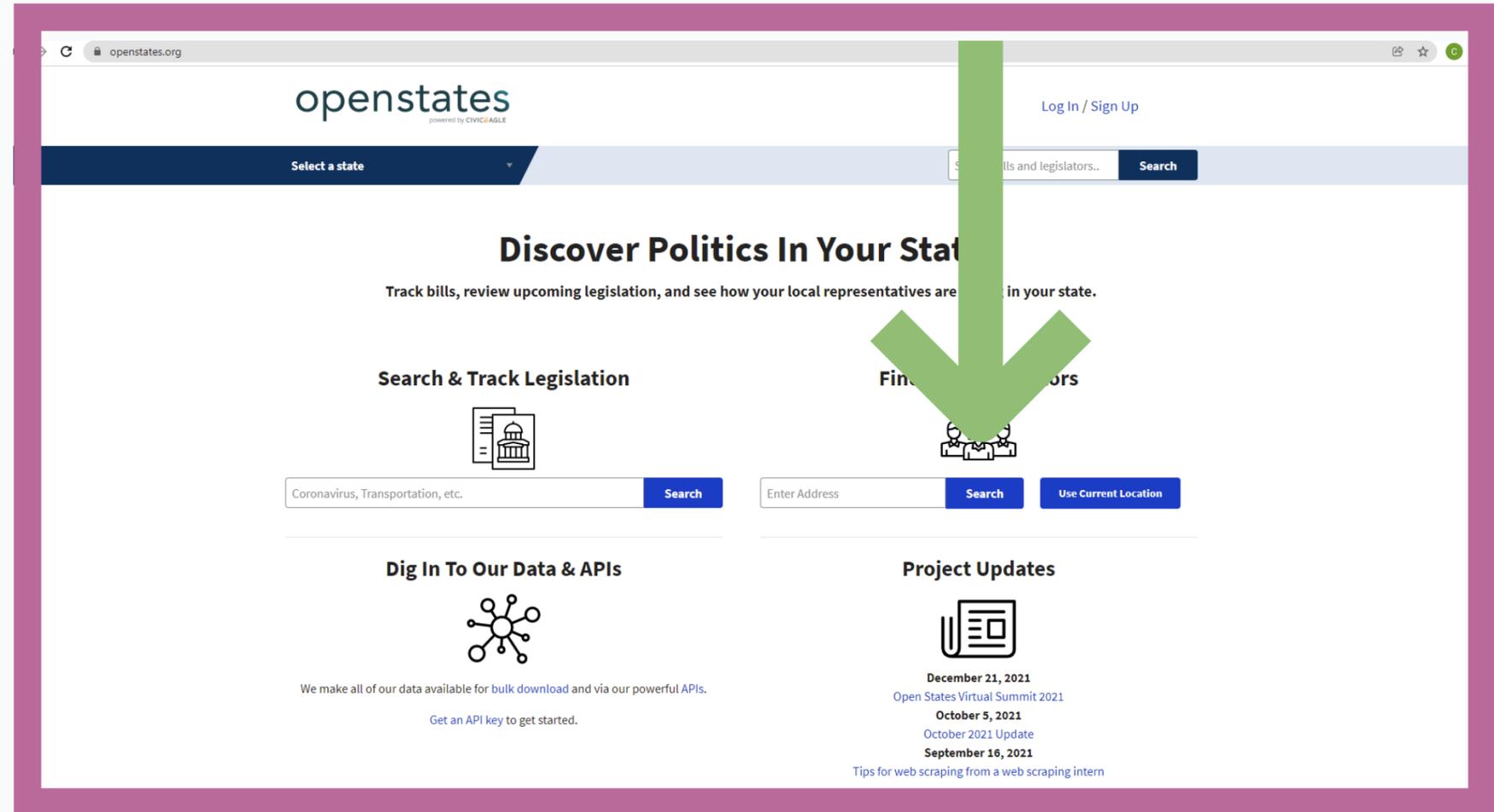
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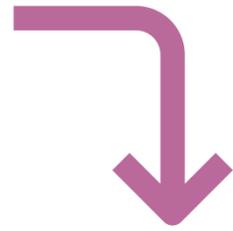
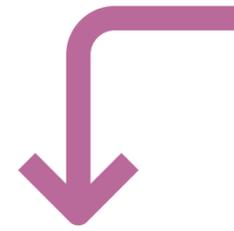
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**To Begin Click On The Link Below**



<https://openstates.org>



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