

Lawmaker Meetings: Suggested Script



"Thank you, Representative/Senator _____, for taking the time to meet with your cancer-fighting constituents today.

My name is _____ and I am an ACS CAN volunteer. With me are constituents and advocates from around your district to talk about their cancer stories. **Introduce constituent(s) in the room with you.**

During this meeting we would like to discuss:

- Supporting a public assistance program on preventive colorectal screenings for uninsured and underinsured in Hawai'i, HB 1969 HD2.
- Support funding of Hawai'i's Tumor Registry, HB 1970 HD2.
- Supporting an auditor study on biomarker testing coverage, HCR 35 and SCR 76.

This is important to me because (share your personal story and connect it to the importance of [state issue]. If another volunteer has a personal story that has a strong connection, please introduce them and have them speak. Keep it brief.)

The ASK:

- Will you support HB 1969 HD2 to help ensure more Hawai'i residents receive timely, life-saving colorectal cancer screenings?
- Will you support HB 1970 HD2 to prevent cuts to Hawai'i's cancer surveillance system and protect critical public health data?
- Will you support an auditor's study to assess the social and financial impacts for biomarker testing coverage, HCR 35 and SCR 76?

Remember, we want to hear a yes or no answer.

- If your elected official answers yes to this question that is great! Thank him/her for their support.
- If your member answers no, ask why and if there is further information you can provide after the meeting. Include that information on your report back form.
- If your member doesn't give a direct yes or no answer, ask for clarification.
- You should plan to follow-up with your lawmaker 1-2 weeks after your meeting (by phone or email) to ensure their questions are answered and check on their level of support.

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The CLOSE:

Before we leave, can we take a photo with you?

Thank you for taking the time to meet with all of us and for all that you do for the people of Hawaii and your support of cancer related issues.

Please note: this script is a framework for your conversation. Please feel free to elaborate and share your personal cancer story and use information from the fact sheet and talking points.