

Lawmaker Meeting: Do & Don't



Do:

- Look and act professional
- Introduce yourself and tell the legislator where you are from
- Stay on message
- Be prepared to wait
- Know the asks
- Be efficient and articulate; the meeting should be brief and concise
- Ask for your legislator's support for the issue
- Stop discussing the issue if you get a "Yes"
- Leave a folder of information about the asks
- Thank the lawmaker (be sure to also send a thank-you note)

Don't:

- Attempt to answer questions you don't know the answer to or commit to anything you aren't certain of
- Get angry or hostile
- Get distracted by small talk
- Mention your political affiliation
- Leave behind materials that aren't provided in this packet
- Lobby on other issues
- Get defensive if an elected official doesn't support our legislation