

Visits with Policy Makers

This is the most direct way for your voice to be heard.

Tips for Visits

- Contact Policy Maker's office to schedule an appointment.
- Tell the scheduler the topic and the names of those planning to attend.
- Schedule a meeting. Confirm the visit by phone the previous day.
- Gather a group of voters with different backgrounds.
- Define the purpose of the visit and who will say what.
- Prepare two presentations: a 15 minute and a 5 minute.
- Prepare ahead: Know the facts and the policy maker's record.
- During your visit, be clear, positive and constructive. Share from your experience.
- Ask the policy maker to state her/his position.
- Leave a written summary(one page) with your name, address and phone number, or a business card if you have one.
- Follow the visit with a prompt thank you note.
- Know that meetings with staff assistants can be effective.