



5 TIPS ON TALKING WITH YOUR LEGISLATORS

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Before you contact your legislator to set up a meeting, make sure you know who you need to meet with. Go to [Plural Policy](#) (formerly Open States) and put in your address.

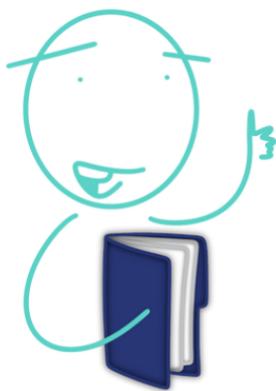


SCHEDULE A MEETING

Schedule a meeting with your elected officials. Ask them for coffee, invite them to a community event (outside of session), or grab a meal together. When you introduce yourself, make sure you tell them that you are one of their constituents and provide a brief description of the issue you would like to discuss.

PREPARE

Before your meeting, it's a good idea to jot down some key talking points for your conversation. Keep things simple. They don't have a lot of time, so it's key to have a clear message. Anticipate some questions they might ask you and what your answers might be. Maybe practice your elevator pitch with a friend.



IT'S SHOW TIME!

Dress for success. Try to get to the meeting spot early. Be respectful, use your time wisely, and stay on message. Do you have a business card, a flyer, or a pamphlet with a few key points? It helps to give your legislator something to take with them to remember you.

FOLLOW UP

Go the extra mile. Send them a quick thank you note - a little gratitude goes a long way.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO MEET WITH ME YESTERDAY...

