

Calling Your Representatives

When time is short, calling your legislator is a simple and effective way of making sure your concerns are heard. A quick call that gets right to the point in a courteous manner is an easy and good strategy for weighing-in on issues that matter to you.

Following are some tips for calling your legislator:

- **Identify yourself as a constituent.** Constituent phone calls carry the most weight with legislators.
- **Don't expect to talk to the legislator directly.** Most calls are taken by the staff person responsible for a particular issue.
- **State the reasons you are calling and the action you want your legislator to take.** Keep it simple. Give a brief description of the bill and bill number if possible. You may find it helpful to have a couple of talking points in front of you to help you stay focused and make sure you don't forget anything.
- **Be concise.** Keep your call focused on one issue with two or three key points supporting the issue. The call should be brief - usually only a couple of minutes.
- **Always be courteous!** Never threaten or use abusive language.
- **Request follow-up.** Leave your name and contact information with the staff person in case they have any questions or wish to follow-up with you later. Ask to receive a letter acknowledging your call and informing you of your legislator's action/position on the issue.

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