



Communicating with Legislators

TIPS

1. Make sure to call YOUR representative

The most important thing to make sure of is that you are calling the representative who represents you in your district. Politicians care about those people who can vote for them. Those who take the call will frankly tend to ignore your call if they find out that you live outside of their boss's district. If you don't know which district you live in, check this website to make sure: <http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>. There will be cases where you will be calling other district representatives, especially when they are on a committee choosing to forward a bill to the House or Senate.

2. Be politely persistent and persistently polite.

There are many issues we are passionate about. In some cases, a vote on an issue can have serious repercussions for you. However, if you want your representative to listen to you, it is best to be polite. Be free to let your passion show when expressing your opinion. In most incidents, you will be talking to a staff member and not your representative. Let whoever is taking your call know how much you care about your issue and how much you are willing to fight for it.

3. Use personal anecdotes.

Five percent unemployment, 11.9 percent uninsured rate, these are all important statistics. However, what matters most to the people taking your calls is the story you can tell. Talking about the problem of an 11.9 percent uninsured rate is good, but talking about your relative

whose life is in jeopardy because they do not have access to affordable health insurance is a stronger story. People are, at their base, emotional creatures and humanizing these important issues is crucial. Speaking to your representative's heart instead of their head is a stronger way to communicate your message. By speaking personally, you are showing your representatives the human cost of their actions.

4. **Call, don't email, your representative!**

Yes, sending an email is easier. And yes, making a call can make you nervous. But there is no better way to convey your thoughts on a law or issue than talking to someone over the phone. As many of you who have sent emails to your representative know, the answer one usually receives is a dull response that will obfuscate the issue, and is just like the email anyone else who wrote about that issue. Showing you care enough about the issue to pick up a phone counts a lot to your legislator.

PHONE SCRIPT TEMPLATE

Hello, this is [insert name],

I am one of your constituents, and I live at [insert address here].

I am calling today regarding [issue].

As you may know, many of your constituents are concerned about this issue.

I am calling you in favor/ opposed to this issue. I believe that you should [what you want from your representative].

This issue affects my family and I as well. [Insert personal antidote].

Thank you for your time and thank you for hearing my concern.

SOURCE: Arizona Public Square

YOUR LEGISLATORS

US Senate

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Committee: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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US Representative – Congressional District 3

Raul Grijalva (D)

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Committee: Natural Resources

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Meetings

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month @ 9:30 a.m.

Santa Cruz County Complex

2150 N. Congress Drive

Nogales, AZ 85621

(520) 375-7812

Agenda

The Clerk of the Board posts agendas for each meeting on the bulletin board at the Santa Cruz County Complex before each meeting. Minutes are published and made available to the public upon request.

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Meetings

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month @ 7:00 pm

Town Hall

310 McKeown Avenue

Patagonia, AZ 85624

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Agenda

Agendas for all meetings are posted in the following locations: Post Office, outside bulletin board at Town Hall, lobby of Town Hall and on website at: <http://patagonia-az.gov/public-notices/agendas/>.

Mailing Address & Phone Number

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RESOURCES

US Elected Officials

<https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

Senate Committee Assignments

https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_assignments/assignments.htm

House Committees

<https://www.house.gov/committees>

AZ Elected Officials

<http://azpublicsquare.org/government-101/arizona-government/#az-elected>

Senate Committee Assignments

<http://azpublicsquare.org/senate-committee-assignment/>

House Committee Assignments

<http://azpublicsquare.org/house-committee-assignment/>

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

<https://www.santacruzcountyaz.gov/169/Board-of-Supervisors>

Patagonia Town Council

<http://patagonia-az.gov/mayor-council-2/council-members/>

<http://patagonia-az.gov/public-notice/agendas/>

Local Government Directory

<http://www.leagueaz.org/lgd/index.cfm?area=main&cid=52>