

# How to Hold A Legislative Meeting

## 1. Introduce Yourself

- Thank the lawmaker for taking time to meet with you during the busy legislative session.
- Explain your connections to the legislator's district or area (How long have you lived and/or worked there, do your children attend school there?)

## 2. State the Problem that You are Concerned About – Hand them the Materials

- You do not need to be an expert on the issues – just tell stories of why the issues are important to you, your community, or your family.

## 3. Ask for a Hard Commitment

- Will you support these bills?
- Will you talk with other legislators about your support of these bills?

If they answer “no” to any question, then ask “why?” *It's okay to ask questions and push in a respectful way. They work for YOU, and the decisions they make (or don't make) affect you every day.*

## 4. Conclusion

- Thank the legislator for her/his time – especially but not only if she/he has been supportive.