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ADVOCACY POCKET GUIDE



Advocating at the Capitol

Visiting your state legislators and their staff at the capitol is a great way to advocate!

Cultivating a relationship with your elected officials increases your influence on public policy. You become a resource—they want to hear what you have to say.

Tips for visiting state legislators' offices:

- *If you have a meeting scheduled with your legislator or their staff:*
 - Have a clear message and “ask,” have printed information to leave behind and ask questions.
 - Thank the legislator for their time.
- *If you do not have a meeting scheduled:*
 - Ask the administrative aide if there is a staff member you can speak with about your issue.
 - Tell the aide you are a constituent. If no one is available, then schedule a meeting with the legislator or their aide.
 - Remember to make your story Specific, Personal, Informative, and Timely.
 - Thank the staff person for their time.



Find your elected officials and additional advocacy resources by visiting: MosaicAlliedVoices.org.



PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT

For the most effective visit:

- ✓ Schedule a meeting in advance
- ✓ Prepare your comments
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Say thank you
- ✓ Have information to leave behind

Tips for testifying at a hearing:

- Fill out a testifier sheet, which are usually by the door of the hearing room.
- Follow any instructions given by the committee.
- Clearly state your position on the legislation—whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in your testimony.
- Be positive and polite, even if you are opposing a policy initiative.
- Always close your testimony by asking the committee if there are any questions, which can allow you to share more information if your time has run out.
- Thank the committee members and offer to be a resource to the committee.
- Do not hesitate to ask someone who works at the capitol for help.

