

Five Ways Nonprofits Can Engage With State Legislators

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1. Know what you are going to say to your Legislators before you get to the Capitol. Type and print it out so you can give it to them, with your name and contact info.
2. Got to vote.utah.gov to find out who represents you in the House and the Senate.
3. Go to le.utah.gov and look up what committees your representative and senator sit on.
4. Go to those committees when you arrive at the Capitol. At the end of the committee hearing, walk up to your Representative and/or Senator and introduce yourself. Tell them you are a constituent. Ask if you can walk with them to their next meeting. Deliver your message to them verbally, and then give it to them in writing as well. Thank them for their time.
5. During floor time, you can also send a note to your Representative and/or Senator while they are on the House and Senate floor. Write your name, phone number, and address on a note provided by the gentleman – just outside the Chamber doors. Say you're a constituent and would like to talk to them while you're at the Capitol. Attach to the note the written statement that you brought with you. Wait to see if they respond. If your Representative or Senator does come out convey your message quickly and in a concise manner. Then thank them for their time.