



## Suggestions for Successful Legislative Action

1. Know who your elected representatives are.
2. Know their local and Capitol offices, addresses and phone numbers. Also know this information for county and city elected officials.
3. Meet with, and get to know your local legislative staff people. Also get to know the staffs of local elected officials.
4. Communicate **regularly and early** with you elected officials, not just when you want something.
5. Tell them what your priorities are and what your positions are on them.
6. Ask them how they stand on these issues.
7. When writing to an elected official on an issue, be specific, be sure your facts are accurate, be brief, and don't threaten or beg.
8. If your representative votes for your issue, be sure to thank him or her.
9. If your representative votes against your issue, ask why.
10. If you are successful on an issue, let people know of your success.
11. Don't be afraid to express your opinions on issues. Most elected officials want, and all of them need to know, how you feel.
12. Don't ever think that your one letter or call is unimportant. Local legislative and political action are vital to our whole process of government.
13. Have fun! And remember...

Politicians see the light when they feel the heat.