



Missouri

Dental Hygienists' Association

Four Basic Steps When Calling Your Legislator

1. Identify yourself

Use your name and note the organization you represent (MDHA).

State, "I am a constituent in your district..."; Feel free to add anything personal (i.e. I go to the same church as you..").

2. Explain why you are calling

I am calling to support/oppose /amend HB (House Bill) ____ or SB (Senate Bill) _____. Be polite and concise (to the point).

Create one or two talking points before you call to focus the content of your message.

3. Request a written response

If you did not speak to your legislator, request a written response to your phone call. I am calling in support of HB __ and would like to know how Rep. Jones plans to vote.

4. Thank you

Always thank the person who took the phone call for his/her time and consideration. Building relationships with staff can be just as important as with your legislator.

LEGISLATORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

YOU ARE TRAINED TO PROVIDE ORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

REQUEST TO BE YOUR LEGISLATOR'S "GO-TO" PERSON FOR ORAL HEALTH-RELATED NEEDS IN YOUR DISTRICT