

Tips for Calling your Legislator

- Before you call, write down the main points you want to make during your phone call.
- If you can, make it personal. Share how this bill could affect you, your family, or your community.
- Ask to speak directly to the legislator/policymaker.
- State your name and where you live (city/county).
- State the reason for your call. Be brief and to the point.
- If you're calling about a bill, be sure to refer to the bill number.
- Be ready to answer questions if the legislator/policymaker wants more information.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, say so. But offer to find out the answer and follow through.
- If you can't reach the legislator/policymaker directly, leave a phone number where you can be reached and ask to speak to the staff person working on this issue.
- *Always* be polite and respectful. Thank the legislator/policymaker/staff person for his or her time.

Example

Hello, my name is Jane Doe and I live in Representative/Senator _____'s district in _____, Wisconsin. I am calling about AB 432. This bill would reduce the number of hours of training that nurse aides would be required to have. As a person with a disability, I do not support this bill. I rely on nurse aides for help in my home on a regular basis. I count on them having the right training in order to do their jobs and keep me safe and healthy in my home. As a constituent of Representative/Senator _____, I am asking for them to oppose or vote against this bill. Thank you for sharing my message to my representative/senator. Thank you for your time.