

Calling Your Legislator

1. Research your legislators on a state and national level.

If you are a resident of Lewisburg, you are in District 10.

Information about your district and representatives can be found here for West Virginia. <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/>

On a national level, residents of this area are in District 3.

For information on the Senators and House Representatives in Washington, click this link. <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/WV>

2. Before you call, know on which committees your representatives serve.

Have a clear idea of the facts you wish to cover so you can be succinct.

Legislators hear from constituents all the time. **Be prepared to be concise** in your argument.

3. Call your legislator.

4. Identify yourself as a constituent.

5. State the facts you wish to present.



6. Explain why this issue matters to you. Perhaps it is your livelihood or maybe you have a short anecdote about the impact arts have had on your life.

7. Ask the legislator for their position on the issue. Address their concerns or offer to do more research into their concerns. Do not make up facts or try to talk about issues you do not understand. **It is okay to say you need to do more research.**

8. Ask to be kept up-to-date on the issue at hand.

9. Express your intention to follow up. **Most importantly, follow up with a thank you email or letter.**