

CALLING A LEGISLATOR

A LEGISLATOR IN THE HOUSE = REPRESENTATIVE
A LEGISLATOR THE SENATE = SENATOR

Step 1. State why you're calling & who you are to the legislator.

YOU Hello, I would like to make a comment on Senate/House Bill # ___ that's about ___. The bill is currently ... (state which applies)

- assigned/not assigned to be considered in the ___ Committee.
- assigned/not assigned to be considered in the Senate/House.

I'm calling you because.... (state all that apply)

- you are my Representative/Senator.
- you are a leader of the Committee/Senate/House deciding whether to consider/not consider this bill.
- you are a member of the Committee/Senate/House voting on this bill.
- I feel strongly about the bill.



LEGISLATOR Thank you for calling. What is your comment?



Step 2. Share your stance, ask for support/opposition.

YOU I'm calling to urge you, Senator/Representative ___, to support/oppose Senate/House Bill # ___. I support/oppose this bill because... (the more personal this message can, be the better).



Step 3. Thank them for their time.

QUICK TIPS & RESOURCES

- Find your legislators at oklegislature.gov/findmylegislature.aspx.
- Find all OK legislator & assistant contact info on opha.net/advocacy.
- Check bill assignment at oklegislature.gov/BasicSearchForm.aspx.
- Be prepared to speak to the legislator's assistant, not your legislator.
- Sent to voicemail? Don't hang up, leave your message!
- Voice your position to legislators who both agree & disagree on your stance.
- Be respectful. An opponent on one issue can be an ally on another.
- There is strength in numbers. Encourage your people to call!
- Intimidated by calling? Email or call after hours to leave a voicemail.
- Feeling nervous? Relax and remember - legislators are just people, too!