

COMMUNICATING WITH CONGRESS AFTER A WASHINGTON VISIT

Suggestions After a Personal Visit

Follow-up: Be sure and follow-up your visits with thank you letters to the Members of Congress you met along with providing any additional information that was promised in the meeting. Staff who attended your meeting or who made a special effort to get your meeting scheduled would appreciate a similar thank you. Be sure to outline your position again in the letter to staff.

Stay in Touch: Any time you have a chance to see and or speak with your Member of Congress, do so while they are in their home state or district. Remind them that you saw them last in Washington and you discussed (blank) issues that were important to you. Ask them if they have had a chance to review your position and support or oppose that particular legislation or issue.

Offer to Assist: Keep in mind that politicians need volunteers for campaign work. If you are so inclined, offer to assist in the campaign or to provide information on a particular issue.