



Appeal to Your Representative at an Event

Elected officials are out and about, holding, and attending events in your community all the time. One of the best ways to make sure they know constituents care about an issue or a bill is to be there, in person, and ask them. And doing this is pretty easy.

Step-by-step

- 1. Know your representative.** Check out the contact spreadsheet to find out your rep's previous stance on our legislation. If a member is listed as a sponsor or cosponsor, they support our bills, and the aim is to get them to make it a top priority. If not, we need them to sign on in support.
- 2. Find out where they'll be.** Check your legislator's Facebook page and twitter account to see their upcoming events. They may be hosting town hall meetings or attending other events around town. Pick one to attend and mark your calendar.
- 3. Invite friends.** Talking to reps with friends in tow will mean more voices to ask the questions, and be a greater demonstration of organized constituent power. Even 1-2 friends can make a difference.
- 4. Attend the event and ask your question.** Go to the event and find your moment. The goal is to ask any members who are already sponsors/co-sponsors, **"Will you vote for and prioritize the Climate and Community Protection Act?"** and ask, **"Will you sign on as a sponsor to the Climate and Community Protection Act?"** of anyone who is not already on the bill. It helps to be assertive and persistent—the opportunity to ask might come in a Q&A session in a town hall meeting. Make sure to voice why you care, as a constituent.

In a different format though, you may have to approach the legislator and take the opportunity whenever it presents. Just remember—this elected official represents you. Your district elected him/her and you pay his/her salary. Answering whether they will support a critically important bill is well within their job description.