



## Notes on Lobbying Your Washington State Legislators and using “2017 March for Life Talking Points”

**IMPORTANT: Prepare your heart. Pray before you talk. God has called you, sent you to witness to Him and for Him. So represent well, be loving, yet hold firm to your position.**

- Talking points are intended to help you argue concerns, primarily with your legislators.
- They help you know the important and current issues for the 2017 Legislative Session.
- They give you some of the best points on each issue in order to make your position solid and intelligent and make you effective when lobbying your legislators and others.
- Discuss these points with your legislators and ask they either support or oppose them, as indicated.

8 Things to Remember About Dealing with the Legislature (from FPIW):

See full discussion at [www.fpiw.org/blog/2015/01/12/8-things-know-legislature/](http://www.fpiw.org/blog/2015/01/12/8-things-know-legislature/)

1. In politics, might makes right.
2. Everyone has good intentions.
3. Yes, you can make a difference.
4. Legislators are people too.
5. Quantity is better than quality.
6. Legislators aren't experts on everything.
7. Personal communication is better communication.
8. The Legislative Hotline 1-800-562-6000.

Remember, you have only a few short minutes to speak with your legislators in a meeting. Review the talking points and practice presenting them before the meeting. If you have a large group in one meeting, pick one or two people to be your spokespersons.

Don't be afraid. Stand up for your rights and the vulnerable ones you defend.

**Ask legislators how they feel about public funding of Planned Parenthood.**

**Focus, stay on message. Don't be distracted by anyone, especially the legislator!**

**At meeting's end, present a copy of the talking points to the legislator.**

You may download a printable one-sheet PDF version of these points to share with your friends. Find “March for Life Talking Points 2017” under the JANUARY 23, 2017, DOCUMENTS heading (left side of screen) at <http://ststephenslife.com/legislative-advocacy>.

Your legislators may be found at this link <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/> or call the **Legislative Hotline: (800) 562-6000**.

**Thanks so much for being courageous and for standing up for life!**

***NOTE to groups attending meetings scheduled for Districts 5, 11, 33, 34, 37, and 47: Another copy of these Points has been provided to today's group spokesmen, who will hand that copy to the meeting host before departing the office.***

***~Please keep a copy of the Talking Points for yourself as a reference.~***