



2018 March for Life Talking Points For Use When Lobbying Your Washington State Legislators

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.

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

A few comments regarding the Talking Points:

- Talking points are intended to help you argue concerns, primarily with your legislators.
- They help you know the important and current issues for the 2018 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.

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.

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

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

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 (1st page).

You may download a printable one-sheet PDF version of these points to share with your friends. Find "March for Life Talking Points 2018" from the DOCUMENTS section (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!