



## 2018 March for Life Talking Points For YOU to keep in mind 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/](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.
9. Your legislators may be found at this link <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

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.
- **BE BRIEF AND CONCISE in your statements. With no more than 15 minutes to meet, you need to provide time for the legislator to respond 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!**

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>.

**Thanks so much for being courageous and 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. *The copies prepared for legislators are ONLY what is printed on the TALKING POINTS SHEET!***