CAGT Advocacy

1. **Find your legislator**
   - Type in the address of your home or workplace. Names and contact information for your state Senator and Representative will appear.

2. **Request a meeting**
   - Identify yourself as a personal constituent or employee in the legislator’s district.
   - Request a meeting with the legislator or the opportunity to shadow them on the floor of the House or Senate.

3. **Be a resource**
   - Briefly highlight your work experience, CAGT experience, and how you can be a resource to the legislator on particular areas of economic development.
   - Follow up via email to thank the legislator for their time and provide them with your contact information. Reiterate your availability to answer questions or gather information as requested.

4. **Clearly state your position**
   - Clearly state your position on an issue (include specific bill numbers, if applicable) and explicitly request the legislator *vote in support or opposition* of the bill. If they do not agree with your position, offer to address any concerns they may have.

5. **Stay involved**
   - Become familiar with the General Assembly’s webpage: [http://leg.colorado.gov/](http://leg.colorado.gov/).
   - Follow the status of proposed legislation at: [http://leg.colorado.gov/bills](http://leg.colorado.gov/bills).
   - Follow the activities of interim committees at: [http://leg.colorado.gov/interim-schedule](http://leg.colorado.gov/interim-schedule).
   - Watch the legislature live (or repeated) at: [https://www.coloradochannel.net/](https://www.coloradochannel.net/).
   - Follow your legislators on social media (Twitter & Facebook), subscribe to their emails and newsletters, and attend their legislative town halls.
   - Follow the legislature on Twitter by searching #coleg or #copolitics.
   - Join CAGT’s legislative committee.

6. **Other**
   - Don’t be afraid to tell a legislator you do not know an answer to a question. Ensure them you will find the correct information and provide it to them later.
   - Don’t be discouraged if you speak with an aide rather than a legislator. They will take notes and relay your messages.