

CAGT Advocacy

1. Find your legislator

- Visit <https://openstates.org/> or <http://leg.colorado.gov/find-my-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/>.
- Follow the status of proposed legislation at: <http://leg.colorado.gov/bills>.
- Follow the activities of interim committees at: <http://leg.colorado.gov/interim-schedule>.
- Watch the legislature live (or repeated) at: <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.