

Lawmaker Meetings: Suggested Script



"Thank you, Representative/Senator _____, for taking the time to meet with your cancer-fighting constituents today.

My name is _____ and I am an ACS CAN volunteer. With me are constituents and advocates from Idaho who are here to let you know that we support Medicaid. **Introduce constituent(s) in the room with you.**

During this meeting, we would like to discuss **If we can count on your support to fight cancer by ensuring Medicaid Expansion remains fully funded and accessible without barriers.**

Idaho voters decisively supported Medicaid expansion, the program was implemented in 2020 and provided Idahoans the peace of mind that comes with knowing you can see a doctor when you need one. Without expansion, costs to caring for the uninsured would have fallen to the counties, state, and providers.

Having Medicaid has been a good fiscal decision for the taxpayers of Idaho, leading to \$78M in state budget savings on health care costs.

This is important to me because (share your personal story and connect it to the importance of Medicaid Expansion protection. If another volunteer has a personal story that has a strong connection, please introduce them and have them speak. Keep it brief.)

The ASK:

- **Can we count on your support to fight cancer by ensuring Medicaid Expansion remains fully funded and accessible without barriers?**

Remember, we want to hear a yes or no answer.

- If your elected official answers yes to this question that is great! Thank him/her for their support.
- If your member answers no, ask why and if there is further information you can provide after the meeting. Include that information on your report back form.
- If your member doesn't give a direct yes or no answer, ask for clarification.
- You should plan to follow-up with your House Representative 1-2 weeks after your meeting (by phone or email) to ensure their questions are answered and check on their level of support.

Please note: this script is a framework for your conversation. Please feel free to elaborate and share your personal cancer story and use information from the fact sheet and talking points.

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