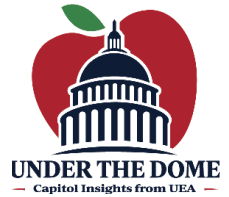




# The Lobbying Process:

## Become a Ten-Minute Education Activist



### STAY INFORMED

Follow UEA's 'Under the Dome' page at [myUEA.org/legislature](http://myUEA.org/legislature). There you can read daily legislative updates from the UEA Legislative Team, follow education bills of interest on the UEA Legislative Tracking Sheet, look up contact information for your legislators and link to other important education-related information.

### CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR

Get to know your legislators and contact them on bills of interest. When you do, keep in mind the following:

- Identify yourself as a constituent (legislators listen most closely to their own constituents)
- Give the title of the bill and the bill number
- Briefly explain what the bill does
- Explain how teachers, students, schools or the community will be impacted (either positively or negatively)
- Explain your position on the bill and ask for their support and consideration of the input you have provided when they vote on the bill
- Be brief and to the point
- Express appreciation for listening and for their service

**Remember**, just a few calls or letters on a bill make a difference, so encourage family and friends to also contact their legislators on important issues. Letters are good early in the session. Phone calls or emails are best before upcoming votes in committee, on the floor or late in the session.

### STAY INVOLVED

Attend a **UEA Educator Day on the Hill** event, held each Friday during the Legislative session. At this event, you'll meet with the UEA Legislative Team and fellow educators for a briefing on current legislative "hot topics" then attend a committee hearing or floor debate. The Legislative Team will then assist you in meeting directly with your legislators. The day ends with a lunchtime "debrief" meeting of the morning's activities. Lunch is provided.

**You have a powerful voice...Speak up  
for your students and profession!**