DOCTORS FAR AMERICA Policy Resources Talking to Legislators

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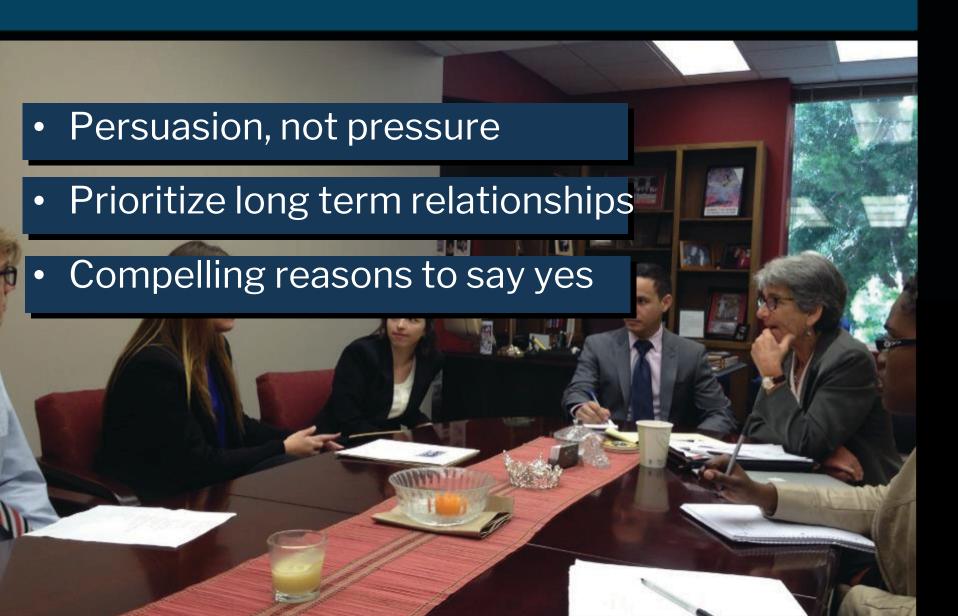


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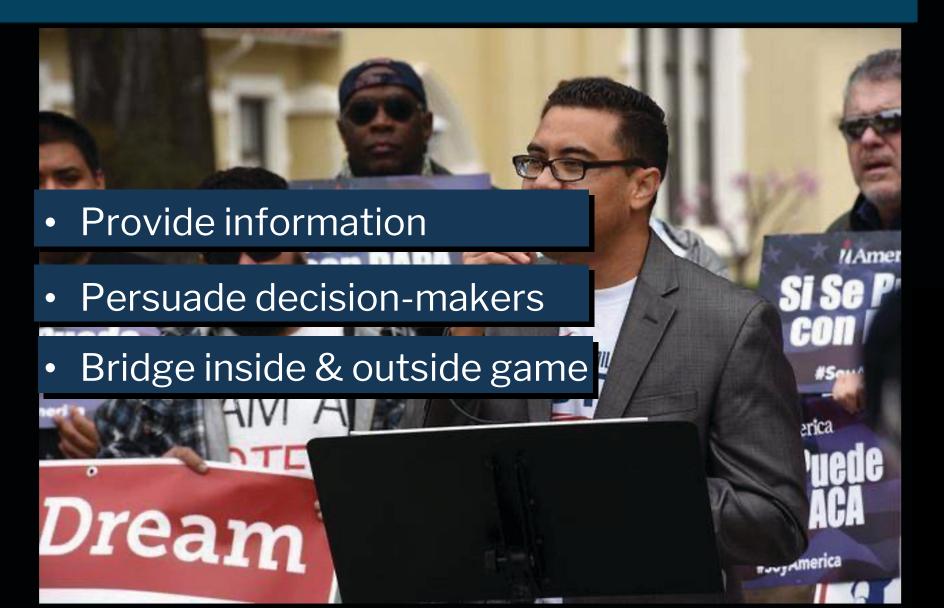




Key Points



Role of a Public Interest Lobbyist



Goals



Before the Meeting: Prep



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Resources

- https://www.govtrack.us/
- www.congress.gov
- Legislator's website
- News outlets in the legislator's district/state

Effective Lobbying: In the Meeting



Typical Meeting Agenda

- Intros
 - Who you are / role
 - Thank them
 - Time check
 - (chat)
- Why we're here
 - Problem
 - Solution
- Appeal based on strategy
- Direct Ask
- Feedback: Get more info (two way street)
- Reinforce commitment
- Follow Up

Tips

- Make a connection
- Use your personal story
- Stay positive
- Be respectful
- Don't be cynical about their motives
- Think long term!







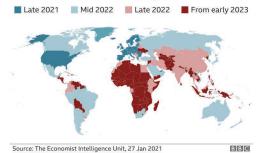
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Only 17-20% of the nation's hospitals have sexual assault nurse examiners on IAFN





When will countries be fully covered?



ONE IN FIVE

lawfully present immigrants are uninsured.



Being able to get health care shouldn't depend on immigration status.



HEALTH **POLICY**

POLICY ACTIONS

EXPANDING THE ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Medicare for All Coalition expands to include academic experts, racial justice organizations, providers, and business owners



Summary:

- An unprecedented problem window opened in the House allowed Medicare for All
- The inside-outside coordinated policy actions contributed to Medicare for All's growing legislative support



PROCESS

Medicare for All gains first-ever hearing in the House Rule Committee. This paves the way to have hearings in the Ways & Means, Energy & Commerce, and Budget Committees



PROBLEM
WINDOW
(March 2019Jan 2020)



BUILDING-UP BILL SUPPORT IN CONGRESS

H.R. 1384 gains 119 co-sponsorshalf the Democratic Caucus, including 13 committee chairs and Assistant House Speaker



MESSAGING & LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Talking points and education materials were disseminated to Members to align messaging and respond to opposition



Q&A



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