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THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF CALLING LEGISLATORS

Do

- Do make sure you're calling your legislator (*Check ceasefirepa.org*)
- Do call the legislator's district office rather than their Harrisburg office
- Do try to speak to the legislative director or chief of staff if possible
- Do know the bill numbers you wish to discuss and explain why the issue is important to you
- Do ask if they are co-sponsoring the bill(s), if so ask if they are planning to vote for it
- Do be courteous and polite
- Do follow up, thank them for co-sponsoring or voting on the issue

Don't

- Don't be afraid if they ask for your name and address (*they are most likely checking that you live in their district*)
- Don't be frustrated if the legislator is not familiar with the issue, they deal with several kinds of issues each day
- Don't be satisfied with "I stand with you." Ask them what they're doing to advance the issue
- Don't stray from one issue to another, stay on topic
- Don't threaten the office or the legislator with political pay back