

The 9 Steps of a LOBBY DAY Visit February 15th, 2024

1. BEFORE ENTERING your VISIT:

Look to see which district the Legislator you are going to see represents.

- Statewide maps:
<https://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Documents/EducationAndInformation/2023%20state%20district%20maps%20and%20members.pdf> or
https://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Documents/Maps/Redistricting%20Map%20Booklet_2022.pdf
- Keep in mind that your appointment is only 10-15 min when planning what you want to say

2. INTRODUCE YOURSELF, MAWS, and let them know if you are a constituent or if your clients or colleagues live in their district. Find your legislator here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

3. THANK the Representative for their support in the past.

- Over the years, many of our efforts have passed either unanimously or by a wide margin, so you can thank all House Reps and all Senators for being a supporter of midwifery care (Click on “View Roll Calls” for detail). There won’t be time to thank them for everything, but you can be specific if something is important to you personally. Past support may include:
 - (2023) Thank you for supporting increased Medicaid reimbursement for births at home & in birth centers
 - (2022) [SSB 5765](#) License extension option for LMs to prescribe contraception & meds for common conditions
 - (2019) Passing the [Governor’s Budget](#) included funding the cap on LM licensing fees & “Doula for All”
 - (2018) [HB2016](#) - Ensuring access to volunteer midwifery & doula services for incarcerated persons

4. TELL YOUR STORY (briefly): Have one person from your group give a brief personal example of why/how Licensed Midwifery has positively impacted their life or share a story about a family.

5. SUMMARIZE OUR POSITION:

- See Legislative Agenda and Talking Points

6. REFER Legislators to our Electronic Lobby Day Packet (E-Packet):

- www.washingtonmidwives.org/2024

7. It’s very important not to forget THE ASK:

- For Reps: Will you support SB 6178 as it moves through the House? (Senate vote was unanimous)
- For any legislator: Will you let budget leaders know that you support including the Governor’s budget item to increase access to maternity care in the final operating budget? (It will provide capital funding for new freestanding birth centers)
- And also pause for questions from the legislator!

8. AFTER THE VISIT:

- Record some notes about your visit on the [provided google form](#); note who is supportive and who is not; include any requests for more information or follow-up. <https://forms.gle/1TG9eBnRYAAnpq88>

9. FOLLOW-UP:

- Consider sending thank you cards or emails. Watch for any additional requested follow-up.
- Any further questions or concerns can be addressed by our lobbyist, Amber Ulvenes amber@ulvenesconsulting.com or MAWS info@washingtonmidwives.org