

Use this handy guide during your Lobby Visit Prep Meeting on Monday to help plan your group's lobby visits. Filling out this form will help make sure your team says everything you need to say during your meetings. Fill in the name of at least one person for each role in each box. (You will have time to do this at SRF before your visits. No need to meet with your team before then.)

Make the introductions

The captain should go first and give their name, where they live, relevant identity--i.e. faith leader, student, teacher, LGBTQ parent, profession, etc.--and any other identifying information about them that they want to share (i.e. I'm a Humanist, I'm Christian, I'm transgender, etc.), and whether they are a constituent.

Then, the captain will say you're all volunteers with Americans United, and something like: "We're from Americans United for Separation of Church and State, an advocacy organization that represents over 300,000 members and supporters in all 50 states, including people of all religions and no religions, who all believe that church-state separation is the best way to fulfill our country's promise of religious freedom." The captain should then prompt everyone to introduce themselves.

Describe the Do No Harm Act

State in 1-3 sentences what the Do No Harm Act will do. (Refer to the Do No Harm Act Talking Points.)

Share the facts

Choose a fact or two from the Do No Harm Act Talking Points to make the case for the bill.

Share your story

Share a personal story of how you have been harmed by religious discrimination or how the Do No Harm Act would impact your life, your family, or your friends. Say something like, "I care about this issue because..." If you have time and others would like to share their stories, you can continue to go around the group.

Make the ask

Refer to the co-sponsor list for the Do No Harm Act included in your folder to tailor the ask.

- If they ARE NOT yet a co-sponsor, say, "Will you sign on as a co-sponsor of the Do No Harm Act?"
- If they ARE a co-sponsor, say, "Thank you for being a co-sponsor of the Do No Harm Act. We would like to see this bill move forward. Will you commit to working towards that goal?"

