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### **ACCA Tips for Calling Elected Officials**

One of the goals with the ACCA Media Blitz is to continually inform audiences of the issues related to the PUCO's decision to give gas service line work to the utility companies. In addition to quarterly newsletter and direct letters to elected officials, we need to call them regularly.

Remember that telephone calls are usually taken by a staff member, not the member of the state legislature. Staff members are used to taking calls from constituents.

- Ask to speak with the aide who handles constituent phone calls.
- After identifying yourself, tell the aide that you would like to leave a brief message.
- "Please tell Senator/Representative (Name) that I oppose the recent PUCO decision to give gas service line work to Ohio's utility companies."
- "The decision has led to safety and economic concerns as the utility companies outsource the work to the lowest bidder, one who is often from an out-of-state company and not licensed in Ohio."
- "In addition to safety issues, I'm concerned about the prosperity of small businesses. The decision has made it extremely difficult for Ohio's licensed plumbing and heating contractors to prosper."
- Ask if the senator/representative is familiar with the issue, and their position.
- You may also request a written response to your telephone call.
- Thank the aide or staff member for their time.