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10 Ways to Build a Strong Relationship with Your Elected Officials

1. Take the time to send a letter to your elected official, introducing your organization and outlining the importance of film, entertainment and digital media production in your area. To download a sample welcome letter, click [here](#).
2. Schedule an in-district/state visit with your elected official and/or their staff. Members are usually in their district on Mondays and Fridays, as well as during periods when the Legislature is on recess. To view the Legislative schedule, visit www.leg.state.fl.us.
3. Invite your elected official to production studios, sets, businesses and industry events – let them see first-hand just how big and critical our industry is and the quality jobs it brings to our state.
4. Write a personal letter to the editor and submit it to the newspaper in your area, outlining the impact of the film, entertainment and digital media industry on local jobs.
5. Engage employees in your community. Organize employee call-in days or host a letter writing day to encourage employees to connect directly with their elected official.
6. Recruit stakeholders/partners to join Film Florida to increase the voice of those directly employed by the film, entertainment and digital media industry. Visit <http://www.filmflorida.org/membership/benefits.aspx> to help you get started.
7. Participate in Film Florida's Rally in Tally on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.
8. If you plan on making a visit to Tallahassee outside of the Rally in Tally, make sure to visit your elected official's office while in town.
9. Follow up with your elected official and staff and keep in touch often. Offer to be a resource to your elected official and his/her staff.
10. Visit www.filmflorida.org to stay updated and learn more!