



SAMPLE SCRIPT FOR LEGISLATIVE VISITS

Legislative visits are for Texas Academy members.

Script for the Lead Person:

Hello Senator / Representative _____. Thank you for meeting with me/us today.

- My name is _____ and I am a constituent in your district.
- I'm a Licensed, Registered Dietitian (or dietetic intern or student) and work (or attend school) at _____.
- With me today is ____ (introduce everyone).
- We represent the Texas Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics, an affiliate of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. In Texas, there are over 4,000 nutrition and dietetics professionals.

Our objective for coming to meet with you today is two-fold. First, we want to share information about our profession, and second, we want to share our policy priorities. Our vision is to help Texans improve and manage their health—offering expert food and nutrition resources and helping make eating an enjoyable and delicious experience.

** Every day in Texas, Licensed, Registered Dietitians provide nutrition care services and education to improve the nutritional status of the community and/or the institutions where we work. As you may already know, with adequate and proper nutrition, Texans stand a better chance of preventing chronic diseases, recovering from acute illnesses, and managing their existing chronic health conditions.

** We brought a couple handouts that represent the kind of work we do -- and particularly to showcase our vital response efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and during Winter Storm Uri.
(Share the 2 handouts, use them as a launch point for personal stories)

** We also want to share our 2021 TX Academy legislative & policy priorities and bills of interest:
(Share and review the Bills of Interest handouts, tell pertinent personal stories)

- (1) **Protection of Dietitian Licensure and License Integrity** (supporting HB 1560/SB 714).
- (2) **Telemedicine/Telehealth Expansion** (supporting HB 4, SB 412, SB 40, HB 5, SB 5, HB 980).
- (3) **Medical Nutrition Therapy: LD/RD Role in Disease Prevention and Management** (supporting HB 4015, SB 184, HB 551, SB 827).
- (4) **Food Access & Security** (supporting SB 224, HB 701).
- (5) **Pandemic Response** (supporting SB 6, HB 3659, SB 437)
- (6) **Food Safety** (supporting HB 464)

** Can we count on you to stand with us in these priorities? Is there anything that we can offer or clarify regarding these priorities?

** Give Business cards **

** Thank them again for their time and “open the door” for them to contact you and/or the TX Academy Public Policy team as a resource.