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Attend Town Hall Meetings

Lawmakers often host town hall meetings in their districts -- especially during congressional recesses -- to tout their achievements and solicit feedback from their constituents. Such meetings are a prime opportunity for you to ask your lawmakers to state their position on the Second Amendment and gun-related issues for the record, in an open and public forum.

Here are some tips to follow to ensure your attendance at a town hall meeting is as productive as possible.

1. Get On The "Invite List" And Attend The Meetings. Write your lawmakers and ask to be put on the invitation list for the lawmakers' town meetings. If they do not have such a list, ask for information on the next meeting. When you receive word that a town meeting is scheduled, be sure to make plans to attend, and share this information with the NRA-ILA Grassroots Division, so we may alert your fellow NRA members and encourage them to attend as well. You should also visit www.nraila.org to check for any town hall meetings for your lawmakers.

2. Prepare Questions Ahead Of Time. Have specific questions prepared, e.g., ask for your legislator's position on a specific bill or issue (H.R. 800 and S. 397 -- reckless lawsuit preemption).

3. Get An Answer. Ask your question clearly, and as simply as possible. If your legislator doesn't answer your question sufficiently, politely repeat the question, e.g., "Do you support legislation calling for an end to reckless lawsuits against the firearm industry?" Your concerns need to be taken seriously by your elected officials, and you deserve a sufficient answer to your question.

4. Follow-Up With a Letter. Whether you had the opportunity to ask your question or not, follow up with a letter to your lawmaker. Let him know which town hall meeting you attended. Ask your question in your letter if you didn't have an opportunity to do so at the meeting. This letter will ensure your lawmakers take you and your views seriously, and will allow you to obtain a written response addressing your concerns. Be sure to provide any response you receive to NRA-ILA for our records.

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