

How to Deliver a Petition

Setting up the meeting:

1. Call your Senator's legislative aid and discuss the purpose of your meeting. This will help the Senator and his staff prepare for the meeting.

"Hello, my name is (First Last), I would like to set up a meeting with (your Senator) to deliver a petition encouraging (your Senator) to scrap the cap on Social Security and not allow any benefit cuts. Is there a time that I could meet with (your Senator) or a member of his/her staff between Monday Feb 18 and Friday March 4?"

Prepare for the Meeting:

2. Read a bio on the Senator so you know his/her stance on issues, and what committees he/she serves or chairs so you can familiarize yourself with your Senator's work.
3. Prepare all the documents for the issue you plan to present to the Senator, any LTE, testimonies, and the petition. Make two copies, one to leave with the Senator and one to keep for your records. Don't forget a camera! DFA would like for you to document handing your Senator the petition.
4. Write a brief summary of the issues you will discuss with the Senator and practice what you will say in your pitch until you feel comfortable. You can take language directly from the petition itself. Keep in mind; you will likely only have 20-30 minutes to meet with the Senator. Plan the logistics of the meeting (e.g. when will you make your pitch, give the petition and any additional documents).

During the Meeting:

1. Upon arriving, thank the Senator or staffer for the meeting. Be grateful for whomever you meet with, even if it is not the Senator him/herself.
2. Remember what you practiced; tell them why keeping Social Security safe, stable, and secure is important.
3. Ask: *"Do you support making the payroll tax equal for all Americans?"*
4. When handing the Senator or staffer the petition make sure to take a picture or a video to send to DFA!

Following up:

1. Call your NFO to discuss how the meeting went.
 - a. Does your Senator support making payroll tax equal?
2. Email all the pictures/ videos you took during the petition delivery
3. If the staffer or Senator was not sure on his/her position, follow up with the Senator to get an answer.