



# United Teachers

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## How To Influence Your Legislator

This QR code will take you to [www.openkansas.org](http://www.openkansas.org) where you can type in your address and be linked to your elected officials' contact information. Please take a moment and enter the contact information for your Kansas House and Senate representatives in your "smart" phone if available. Cards are also available for those without "smart" phones to record the contact information.



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### *Three ways to contact/ influence your elected representative*

- 1) Personal call or letter to the elected representatives' Topeka office
- 2) Personal call or letter to the elected representatives' home address
- 3) Email to elected representatives' Topeka and/or home emails

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### **Communication Tips:**

- One topic per communication.
- Keep it short. Be courteous and respectful.
- If you can give the House (HB 2506) or Senate (SB 2) bill # in the communication that is best and ask the representative to support or defeat the particular bill.
- Make it personal: For example, "Please vote FOR or AGAINST HB #####. The passage of this bill would mean that in my home, my classroom, my profession..." Pick the one that impacts you and tell your situation succinctly.
- When calling Topeka you will frequently be speaking to the elected officials' Legislative Assistant. Give your home contact information and ask the Assistant to share the information.
- When calling home numbers, you may be speaking to a family member or answering machine.
- As bills move, UTW and/or KNEA will send information to your home email about how and when to contact your elected official. (Make sure you are signed up for "Under the Dome" on the KNEA.org website.)
- Remember: These are YOUR elected voices in Topeka. Do not be afraid to contact them directly and share with them your concerns. You don't have to be a POLITICAL expert to make the call. You are the EXPERT when it comes to your classroom, your profession and your home.

**NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER**

Call or email elected officials *using school equipment or on school time.*

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