

## PHONE SCRIPT for INITIAL MEETING WITH SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE & LA

**AA** = Administrative Assistant

**LA** = Legislative Assistant

**OT** = Our Teammate

**REP** = Representative

**SEN** = Senator

### **OBJECTIVE:**

*This phone script is meant to be a guide for your credible conversation with the LA when you call to establish your first meeting with the LA and State Senator or Representative to discuss legislation to remove the OBSCENITY EXEMPTION in your state. Please modify the wording so that it is comfortable for you. Please DO NOT feel that you must use these words verbatim.*

**OT:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a voter from District #\_\_ and I live at \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to speak with \_\_\_\_\_, the Legislative Aide for Senator- Representative \_\_\_\_\_. Is he/she available to speak for 2 to 3 minutes?

**AA:** Please hold while I check with him/her.

**LA:** Hello, this is \_\_\_\_\_ (the LA). How can I help you?

**OT:** Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a voter from District #\_\_ and I live at \_\_\_\_\_. I am calling to speak with you for 2 to 3 minutes. Is now a good time, or should I call back later today?

**LA:** I have a meeting in 10 minutes, so I have about 5 minutes to speak with you now.

**OT:** Thank you. My reason for calling is to set up a 30 to 45-minute visit with you and Sen/ Rep \_\_\_\_\_ in your office to discuss a proposed piece of legislation that would provide a layer of protection for minor children in our publicly funded entities. Our team has researched and prepared an analysis of the current Obscenity Exemption Statute comparing it to similar laws from several other states. We have also created proposed wording for our desired legislation to protect the children of our state from illegal obscenity being taught or shown to them in publicly funded entities within our state.

**LA:** Can you tell me about your organization?

**OT:** Certainly. We are registered voters: parents / grandparents / taxpayers who are concerned about the sexual exploitation of minors and the sexually explicit information targeting our children through our schools or any publicly funded entity that promotes sexual activity to or with minors. If an adult was showing this same obscenity to minor children outside of the school or other publicly funded institution, he or she would be arrested and prosecuted under state law. This is a major double standard that must be stopped.

*[If you have a 501 ( c ) 3 or other non-profit organization, share those details in a 15-20 second statement].*

**OT:** Could you share a couple of dates and times in the next 2 weeks when the Senator (or Representative) and you would be available for 30 – 45 minutes in your office?

**LA:** Option #1 is: date \_\_\_\_\_ and time \_\_\_\_\_

Option #2 is: date \_\_\_\_\_ and time \_\_\_\_\_

**OT:** Okay, we choose Option #2. I would be happy to email some initial information to you and Senator / Representative \_\_\_\_\_. Let me verify your email address...I have it as \_\_\_\_\_, is that correct?

**LA:** I will watch for your email and we look forward to meeting your group on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) at \_\_\_\_\_ (time). Good bye.

