



Talking Points for Congressional Office Visits

OPEN *STRONG*:

Good Morning/Afternoon. My name is _____ and I live and vote in _____.
Thank you for taking the time to meet with me/us today to discuss the **need to schedule S. 510 for a floor vote as soon as possible.**

Food Safety reform is important to me and my family because : [TELL YOUR STORY]

Key Food Safety Message Points:

- Now is the time to revise the law governing FDA's food-safety operations:
There is strong support for food-safety reform. According to a poll commissioned by The Pew Charitable Trusts, nine out of 10 Americans favor legislation along the lines of S. 510 to strengthen FDA's authority to ensure the safety of the food supply.
- *For Senate Meetings –*
 - S. 510 is a good, bipartisan bill that includes many key components necessary for comprehensive reform of the way FDA regulates food safety.
 - While would like to see some strengthening amendments to the bill related to inspection frequency, testing and reporting, and import safety, the most important thing is to get the bill to the floor for a vote. We hope our additional concerns will be addressed in conference.
- **We oppose any amendment that would threaten passage of this important piece of legislation.**
- *For House Meetings—*
 - We strongly support H.R. 2749 and urge House conferees to push for including in the Conference report the House provisions relating to inspection frequency and testing and reporting of contamination, as well as additional FDA funding through a registration fee on food-processing companies.

CLOSE *STRONG*:

Make the "Ask": Senator, will you urge leadership to put S.510 to a vote on the floor during this work period and oppose any amendments that could threaten passage of the bill?

And no matter *how uncomfortable* it may be, WAIT for the answer...

Thank you again for meeting with me and we look forward to working with you to improve the safety of the food supply so that no more American families need to suffer the pain and anguish of foodborne illness.