Welcome to the Women’s Mining Coalition
Washington, DC Fly-In

www.wmc-usa.org
Thanks for joining us!
U.S. Government Fundamentals

- The Legislative Process
  http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/uscongress/a/legprocess.htm
- How Laws Are Made
  www.thomas.gov/home/lawsmade.toc.html
How We Can Influence the Legislative Process

- Introduction of Legislation ~ Bills & Resolutions
- Committee Action
- Subcommittee Action
  - Hearings
  - Mark Ups
  - Reporting Out
- Publication of a Written Report
- Floor Action ~ House and Senate
- Conference Committee
- Action by the President
- Overriding a Veto
How We Select Members to Visit

WMC works closely with state, regional, and national associations including National Mining Association, American Exploration & Mining Association, and American Coal Council to identify key members in Congress & key Congressional committees.

Factors that affect decisions:
- What legislation is currently proposed
- What committees are involved
- Who is supporting/opposing mining interests
- WMC fly-in participants’ representatives
  (Congressional Members give meeting preference to their local constituents)
Targeted Committees and Staff

- Members in Leadership positions
- Members in States where we work
- Senate Committees
  - Energy & Natural Resources
  - Commerce, Science & Transportation
  - Environment & Public Works
- House Committees
  - Energy & Commerce
  - Natural Resources
  - Science, Space & Technology
  - Transportation & Infrastructure
Congress Members’ Offices Staffing
(in order of influence)

- Elected Member
- Chief of Staff (COS)
- Legislative Director (LD)
- Legislative Assistant (LA)
- Legislative Correspondent (LC)
- Special Assistants
Petitioning Congress During Meetings

- **Know your Congressman and Senators** - Make clear your ties to the state and district

- You are most effective by being organized and demonstrating your knowledge

- **Explain how the office you are visiting can help you** - be specific, concise & ask for or thank them for the Member’s support

- Leave talking points but don’t overwhelm

- **Be knowledgeable, honest and personable**

- When you get back home, get your visit into the local newspaper and follow up the Congressional office visit with a thank you email
Points for Meetings

- If a meeting gets contentious—don’t be contentious.

- You are the expert on your issue - be polite and non-combative.

- If a staffer doesn’t know much about mining, many do know about the need for critical and strategic minerals and the shortage of many of those minerals in the U.S. (a good point for you to make).

- If a Member is already supporting an issue you are discussing, thank them. If they aren’t supporting, ask the staffer to consider encouraging the Member they work for to support.
WMC Meetings

- WMC Fly-in Participants Orientation ~ ½ day
- As many as 260 meetings with Congressional members/staff over 3 ½ days in teams of 3-5 women
- Reception for participants
The Daily Schedule

- **Sunday**: Arrival and informal welcome
- **Monday**:
  - Morning orientation meeting & issues overview
  - Afternoon Hill Visits
  - Monday evening Participant Reception
  - Evening: Return completed summary sheets to Lynne; pick up next day’s schedule
- **Tuesday-Thursday**:
  - Meet Your Group
  - Hill Visits
  - Evening: Return completed summary sheets to Lynne, pick up next day’s schedule
After the Meeting

- Respond/follow up to requests for additional information
- E-mail a thank you
Do I really know enough to speak up?

Absolutely!!

- If you aren’t familiar with a specific issue, talk about the business you know and how changes in the law will affect you. Explain the pictures or photos you’ve brought along.
- You are the face of the industry, and probably not the one the staffer has in mind.
- Ask what the Member’s opinion is on the various issues; let the staffer talk to you.
- If you can’t speak to a topic or question, make a note and tell them you’ll have someone from WMC get back to them.
- Don’t pretend to know something you don’t.
Logistics On the Hill

- Visiting the Senate & House office buildings
- Security screening for entry to all buildings
- Building layouts & connecting tunnels
- Transportation to-from the Hill ~ cab & metro

Source: www.aoc.gov
The Senate

- Three interconnected buildings
  - Dirksen
  - Hart
  - Russell

Senator Crapo, Idaho

Dirksen Senate Office Building

Hart Senate Office Building

Source: www.aoc.gov
The House of Representatives

- Three interconnected buildings
  - Cannon
  - Longworth
  - Rayburn

Hon. Cathy McMorris Rodgers
5th District Washington

Hon. Don Young
Alaska

Cannon House Office Building
Source: www.aoc.gov

Longworth House Office Building
Logistics

• What to wear
  ◦ The Daily Uniform
    • Color-coded attire makes us more visible as a group
  ◦ Walking Shoes
    • Comfort is more important than style

• What to Pack
  ◦ Business Cards
  ◦ Photos (work related)
  ◦ Umbrella
  ◦ Camera
Some of the Past and Present
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