

## **FAQ Lobby Visits at the Youth Summit For Teachers and Student**

### **Q: What will I say? What will happen when I'm there? Is there a particular issue, law, or theme of the meeting?**

A: We will provide you a trained lobby coach to help you prepare your story and anything else you want to share with your lawmaker. This year, we are working hard to pass the Mental Health Protections Act that would ban the practice of treating LGBTQ people like we need a "cure" simply for being who are.

### **Q: Who else will be there?**

A: Your school group will go together along with a lobby coach volunteer from OutFront. You will either meet with your lawmaker or the legislative assistant or both.

### **Q: Is this a partisan (political party) focused visit?**

A: The meetings are non-partisan. We are not there to advocate for a particular political party. We are at the Capitol to learn more about the lawmaking process and share our stories with the lawmakers. Some lawmakers are supportive of the LGBTQ community and some are not. Regardless of their views or political affiliations, we are excited to meet with each lawmaker that we can so that they can better advocate for our community.

### **Q: Do I have to go to the lobby visit?**

A: This is a part of the programming of the Youth Summit so expect to go on the visit. All visits will finish by 4:00pm, the scheduled end time of the Youth Summit. We do our best to schedule a lobby visit for each school that registers.

### **Q: How are the visits set up? When are they scheduled to happen? Why aren't all the visits scheduled for the same time? Why are some schools going on their visits at a different time than my school?**

A: The OutFront policy team set up your lobby visit based on the legislative district that your school is located in. The OutFront policy team can be reached at [policy@outfront.org](mailto:policy@outfront.org). We do our best to schedule the visits for the afternoon. Since the lawmakers have other meetings, sometimes we have to schedule them earlier.

### **Q: Why didn't my school get a meeting with our lawmaker?**

A: Some of the lawmakers are completely unavailable due to committee meetings or their calendars being filled up. We started reaching out to lawmakers to schedule meetings at the start of February but they still book out fast. Instead of going on a lobby visit you will get to participate in the full march and rally experience.

### **Q: What do I wear?**

A: Wear what makes you feel confident. Wear comfortable shoes! Walking around the Capitol is a workout. Some students and teachers choose to dress in business attire or business casual to feel more confident addressing a lawmaker who will likely be in a suit. Please know that a t-shirt and jeans are also acceptable.