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Texas House of Representatives

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Staff: _____

District: _____ Telephone _____

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Texas Senate

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U.S. Senators From Texas

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Sen. John Cornyn _ (202) 224-2934

U.S. House of Representative

Name: _____

Staff: _____

District: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail: _____

State Board of Education

Name: _____

Staff: _____

District: _____ Telephone _____

E-mail: _____

Web Sites:

Texas Legislature On Line

www.capitol.state.tx.us

Texas Legislative Council

www.tlc.state.tx.us

Texas State Board of Education

ww.tea.state.tx.us/sboe

United State Congress

www.Congress.org

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

www.deltakappagamma.org

Alpha State

www.alphastatetexas.org

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Alpha State Committee

Suzanne Bath, Lambda Gamma

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Carloyn Grantham, Mu Kappa

Carrie Johnson, Beta Delta

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Janet McMurray, Gamma Epsilon

Michalene Nunn, Alpha Alpha

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Betty Wilson, Beta Omega

Emily Yee, Epsilon Xi

Alpha State Texas

Legislation Committee



Legislative Purposes:

To initiate, endorse, and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interest of education and of women educators

To inform the members of current economic, social, political and educational issues so that they may participate effectively in a world society

The Delta Kappa Gamma
Society International

Program Theme



**Advance the Society:
Believe, Engage, Learn, Lead**

Suggestions for Programs:

- Invite your legislator to a meeting during the time the legislature is NOT in session
- Invite your State Board of Education member to be a guest speaker at a chapter meeting
- Contact your U.S. Congressman to share input regarding Alpha State's Legislative priorities.
- Ask a School Board member to attend a chapter meeting.

Communicating with Policy Makers

Office Visits:

Personal visits, alone or in a small group, are the most effective way to communicate with policy makers.

- Schedule an appointment and indicate who will be present.
- Draft an agenda, list issues to be discussed and decide who will speak.
- Provide a written one-page summary of your position on each issue to be discussed.
- Arrive on time and leave on time.
- Be open to, and ready for questions. If you do not know the answer, provide an answer later.
- Ask for the lawmaker's support of your issues.
- Thank them for his/her time.

Telephone Calls and E-Mails

These methods are effective, especially when timing is critical and a policymaker's support or vote is needed immediately.

- State your name and place of residence.
- Ask to speak to the lawmaker or aide.
- Identify the issue or specific bill.
- Give bill number and name, if possible.
- Explain briefly why the bill is important in your district.
- State your position.
- Ask the legislator for support, or to vote against the bill.

Writing Letters

Letters not only alert policymakers to your views, but they also help educate legislators about issues. Use when time is not critical.

- Write by hand or type in your own words. Do not use form letters.
- Be brief and to the point;; limit your writing to one page.
- Identify the issue clearly.
- State how the issue will effect the legislator's constituents.
- Be informed and accurate.
- State your position.
- State the position of Delta Kappa Gamma members in Texas, if you know the position.
- Ask for the legislator's support.

All elected officials should be addressed as:

The honorable (name).

The House of Representatives

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Austin, TX 76768-2910

Texas Senators

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Austin, TX 78711

Governor's Office

P.O. Box 12328

Austin, TX 78711

After action has been taken, follow up by communicating your appreciation and/or disappointment.