

How to Participate in a Tele-Town Hall

Many Members of Congress host town hall meetings by telephone (aka, tele-town halls) when Congress is in session and they are unable to travel to their districts. Tele-town halls can be conducted through the internet and broadcast live on video or as a conference call.

Participate in a Tele-Town Hall:



Your Member Will Contact You

Tele-town halls are not typically announced publicly, like regular town hall meetings. Instead, a randomized list of constituents is generated in advance, and only those people included in the randomized list receive a call asking them to join the tele-town hall meeting, which usually begins immediately.

Ask a Question!

Most tele-town hall meetings give listeners the option to ask a question. Take advantage of this opportunity!

Limit yourself to one question. Asking two questions ensures less thorough responses from the Member of Congress.

Instead of asking philosophical questions (i.e., "What do you think about X?"), which will evoke a response consisting of talking points, ask questions based on actions (e.g., "What will you do legislatively to solve X?" or "What have you done to hold President Trump accountable for Y?").

Be Polite

Be respectful and tactful when you ask your question. Threatening language will cause the Member to give a more guarded answer or may cause you to be removed from the call.

Always Leave a Message

Most tele-town halls give listeners the opportunity to leave a message at the end of the tele-town hall. Take advantage of this as well.

