

Title: How to outsize your voice and make your representatives listen to you!

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****How to outsize your voice and make your representatives listen to you****

****Disclaimer:**** AHOY retarded pirate apes, I'm not an adviser of any sorts and I have no clue about any financial or political systems. I eat crayons every day and I decide my actions on the predominant color of my stool. Then I sling it at the wall to see what sticks. No one in their right mind would listen to anything I have to say.

The information below is not even mine, I stole it like the smooth brain pirate ape I am. I couldn't have come up with this on my own. But I thought the information in here could be essential in the upcoming war for market structure that Dave talked about or other political decisions that might be made in the future that have any impact on you as an individual or our beloved stonk GME. So let's get educated on my booty, put on your pegleg, hoist the flag, load the canons and get ready to fight.

****Let's get to it:**** I used to work in DC on Capitol Hill answering constituent correspondence. I've seen what works and what doesn't when it comes to influencing and making your voices heard. Follow these rules and you will have an outsized voice.

Here are some insights:

****You are not influencing the representative, you are influencing their staff.** Representatives most likely will not read your letter. ****** They represent too many people and their offices are bombarded every single day by concerned voters. What they do instead is rely on their legislative staff to filter and prioritize issues that matter.

****This is the most effective method:****

****Write a handwritten letter, **** ****Address the letter to the representative and staff and specifically ask the representative to vote or consider a certain bill.****

It will get read. Handwritten letters are prioritized as it shows that constituents are concerned enough to put in significant effort. This implies to staff that many other voters feel the same way. Keep the letter short, polite, and most of all actionable

****Phone calls: are the second most effective.****

Keep it short and be respectful. You will most likely talk with an unpaid intern. These interns will not write down your concerns. What they will do is tally the total number of calls and what voters want the representative to do

****Emails are the least effective**** The staff gets a ton of emails a day and it is difficult to filter who is an actual constituent vs a non-constituent. Or worse, a bot. You will get a canned response.

****Some simple rules: The do's and don'ts****

*** **Do** **include your address**.** It proves to the staff that you are an actual constituent

*** **Do** **organize a letter-writing campaign**.** This is the most influential method of influencing. It's what professional organizations do. They organize voters

*** **Do** **organize a call-in campaign but have constituents call at the same time.**** Nothing gets the office more lively than a full day of phone calls. Only do this when there is not a major vote going on. You do not want to compete with other phone calls

*** **Do reach out to all your representatives including local, state, and national representatives**.** The more local the better, Local offices receive fewer letters

****Don'ts:****

- * Don't have non-constituents call the offices. The staff is trained to ask callers what their zip codes are. This is to filter out non-constituents. It also significantly hurts the campaign as it will be seen as influenced by outside forces rather than by actual concerned voters
- * Don't threaten to vote against the representative or organize an effort to vote them out. Threats don't work. You are just one person
- * Don't call or write to offices that do not represent you. They will not care. You already have a representative, talk to them
- * ****Don't fall into the trap of believing that money automatically wins. Voters will always take priority****
- * Don't yell at the unpaid intern who takes your call
- * Don't unexpectedly show up to their office. Make an appointment. Even better, organize a group of voters and make an appointment all together.

****TLDR: Write a hand-written letter. Organize a letter-writing campaign. Don't threaten staff. Write in often. Make your voices heard.****

****And as always BUY GME, HOLD AND DRS****