How to Successfully Partner with Congressional Staffers
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Part of being an effective advocate includes convincing Congressional office staffers on your position. No matter what the topic, issue or concern, you will eventually need to make a clear case on why these individuals should influence their boss (your members of Congress) to vote or support a specific cause. Who better to teach advocates how to approach Congressional staffers then the Congressional staffers themselves!

In CQ Roll Call’s comprehensive guide, *The Best Way to Approach Congressional Staffers: By Congressional Staffers* 11 individuals are interviewed on their time spent on Capitol Hill. These individuals have either served as Congressional staffers or seasoned lobbyists. The direct interview questions include: the favorite way to be approached, pet peeve when being approached, things to avoid when approaching a legislator/staffer, best/worst memory of an approach someone made and best tip for approaching legislators on an issue.

Finally, this guide consolidates the data collected in the interviews in a detailed chart titled: 24 Dos and Don’ts when approaching a Congressional staffer. Take a peak and read more in the guide to enhance your advocacy skills!

Special thanks to CQ Roll Call for this valuable resource!
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