



## Legislative Advocacy

### How to Contact RI State Representatives

#### There are four ways to reach a State Representative:

1. Listed Phone Numbers
2. Messages to the Speaker's Office
3. Committee Room Numbers
4. Email

If you're not sure who *your* State Representative is, visit the *RI Citizens for the Arts* action center:

<http://bit.ly/9d3Zfw>

#### 1. Listed Phone Numbers

Unlike the Senate, the House members do not have voicemail, and many of them do not have an office at the State House. Therefore, often the most effective way to reach Representatives is with the phone numbers they list for public access which you can find through the *RI Citizens for the Arts* action center: <http://bit.ly/9d3Zfw>.

The number provided may be a separate answering machine and number that an individual Representative sets up specifically to take legislative related calls. However, sometimes this is their residence number, so please extend them the courtesies you would in calling any other business person.

#### 2. Messages to the Speaker's Office

The Speaker's Office can be reached by dialing 401-222-2466. They are quite diligent about getting messages to individual Representatives and staff. If you do not get a return phone call within a few days, simply call again and repeat your message.

#### 3. Committee Room Numbers

Representatives spend even more time in committee than Senators. Therefore, one of the best ways to leave messages for them, particularly if they are the Chair or Vice Chair of an individual committee, is with the committee clerks. Some of the committees on the House side, such as the House Finance Committee, even have full-time clerks. For committee room numbers, call the Speaker's Office at 222-2466.

#### 4. Email

To contact any state representative via email enter:

**rep-[representative's last name]@rilin.state.ri.us**

So, for example, if you wish to send an email message to Representative Gordon Fox, send it to: [rep-fox@rilin.state.ri.us](mailto:rep-fox@rilin.state.ri.us)

You can also send an email to your representative through the *RI Citizens for the Arts* action center: <http://bit.ly/9d3Zfw>. Just look up the state representative you wish to reach, click the 'Contact', and then click the hyperlink to 'Contact Rep. xxxx'. It will then give you options to complete a specific action alert, or compose your own message.

And, please, always share feedback on your outreach to lawmakers with *RI Citizens for the Arts* to help inform our advocacy efforts.

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