



CONGRESSIONAL MEETINGS REQUEST

During the Fly-In 2009, you will have the opportunity to meet with your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative, and their key staff. In order to ensure that we can set up appointments in a timely manner and increase the likelihood that you will be meeting directly with your elected officials, please fill out the form below and send it with your registration to Molly Thompson **by April 10, 2009**.

Primary Issues you would like to discuss with your elected officials:

I have previous experience meeting with my Members of Congress

Never _____ One time _____ 2-3 times _____ More _____

If you are an experienced visitor, please briefly describe your past meetings with your U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative and their staff.

We will automatically give priority for appointments with the U.S. Senators and U.S. Representative who represent you. If there are any additional U.S. Senators or U.S. Representatives that you would like to meet, please list them in the space below. However, the legislative department will generally limit the number of your appointments to no more than five.

Congressional Meetings Tips

- In most cases, you may have twenty minutes or less with a staff person, and as little as ten minutes with Members of Congress. Use that brief time by sticking to your topic.
- Address your legislator as "Representative" or "Senator"
- Provide personal and local examples of the impact of your issue.
- Leave a one-page fact sheet on the issue.
- Leave a *2008 National Grange Legislative Policy Book* or *2008 National Grange Blueprint for Rural America*.