



Suggested Script for Meeting with Representatives

Introduction:

We have prepared the following suggested information that can be used as a template for members in meeting with their elected representative or candidates, for the first time.

The goal is to start to develop a mutually beneficial relationship and to be able to set up regularly scheduled meeting.

Feel free to invite the representative or candidate to speak at one of our regular Tuesday evening meetings.

ENGAGE!

Greetings, Mr./Ms./Mrs. [\[Representative's Name\]](#), and thank you for granting us this opportunity to meet with you.

I am [\[Your Name\]](#), accompanied by fellow members of our Manitoba Stronger Together (MST) group.

We have come together today with a shared mission: to bridge the gap between elected representatives and the best interests of the people in our community.

Over the last three years, concerns have arisen regarding the lack of communication and representation of our constituents' needs. However, we bring a solution to this problem in the form of the Manitoba Stronger Together (MST) group, a Provincial Coalition of Volunteer Citizens.

As a dedicated and non-partisan MST group, aims to establish a direct and vibrant connection between elected representatives like yourself and the citizens we represent.

During our meeting today, we want to discuss with you our group and discuss the crucial role you play in this partnership and how we can work together to create a stronger and more engaged community.

PROBLEM:

Over the past three years, there seems to be a disconnect between elected representatives and the best interests of their constituents. Communication has been lacking, leaving citizens feeling unheard and uncertain about their future.

INFORM:

To address this problem, concerned citizens have formed the Manitoba Stronger Together (MST) group, a Coalition of Volunteer Citizens. MST is not a political party nor aligned with any political affiliation. It serves as a Special Interest Group or Lobby Group, representing ordinary citizens.

A local MST group, composed of people from your riding, aims to establish a direct and dynamic connection with you, our elected representative. By sharing information and feedback regularly, this group will act as a forum for the voices and priorities of the people to be heard.

BENEFITS:

As a representative, you stand to benefit greatly from this partnership. The MST group provides valuable grassroots information on the will and priorities of your constituents, enhancing your ability to serve them effectively.

CALL TO ACTION:

We kindly ask for your commitment to be accountable and transparent with your local MST group, meeting with them regularly to ensure open communication. Our hope is that you will prioritize the concerns of the people you represent and actively represent our collective interests in the legislature.

We believe that by working together, we can build a stronger and more engaged community.

Can we count on your support in collaborating with your MST group and representing the voices of our community in a transparent and accountable manner? We eagerly look forward to working with you to make a positive difference in our riding.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration, Mr./Ms./Mrs. [Representative's Name].

We anticipate a fruitful collaboration for the betterment of our community and beyond.

[If the representative agrees to participate, set up a time for the next meeting to discuss regular meeting schedules and tasks to ensure transparency and accountability.

This would also be an appropriate time to introduce and administer the Oath.]