

## **You can help FSOMA support Florida Acupuncturists in 2024?**

### **Plan 10-15 min: Meet with your State Senator and Representative in the local office:**

Every district has a local office close to where you work and live to meet legislators.

#### **Call or email local state legislator's office -**

You can meet in-person or by Zoom. Average visit time is 10 or 15 minutes.

**What to say** - Use the following phone or email script as your guide.

Hi my name is <your name>,

I am a local business owner and acupuncture physician working in <your town> since <year you started>. Here at the clinic, I worked with “hundreds” – “thousands” of residents in the district treating them for chronic back pain, headaches, digestive issues, and lots of other health concerns that respond very well to my care using acupuncture and herbal medicine.

Now that private insurance, the VA and Medicare cover Acupuncture treatments, many thousands of additional residents in our community have access to acupuncture treatment as a safe, drug-free option for chronic pain and more.

The Acupuncture profession is running a bill to update the practice act and improve patients' access to care. We will be working with the department of health and other medical groups to get the language finalized before the next session.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me; and, if you see our Bill in committee, I hope that we can count your vote to support these updates. Thank you.

If you're not required to say anything more than that, then be polite, and ask them:

- “Are you from this area?”
- “Do you have any special legislative priorities this year?”
- “How can I help your staff or campaign this year?”
- “Are there any volunteer efforts that I can help with?”

It doesn't have to be more complicated than this.

For help and support contact [director@fsoma.org](mailto:director@fsoma.org)

We can connect you with other APs in the area, the FSOMA lobbyist or a Board member to assist with your visit, if needed.