

# Fly-ins that Yield Year Round Impact

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# Two Types of Fly-Ins at CUNA

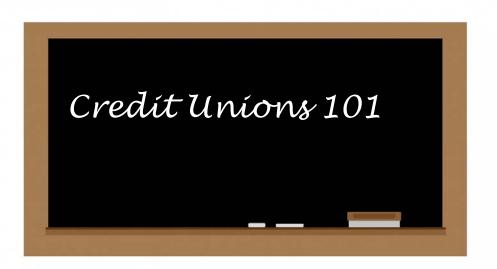
- The Governmental Affairs Conference (GAC)
  - 4 Day Conference
  - 5,000 Attendees
- Hike the Hill
  - State Targeted Fly-ins
  - 25 30 Each Year



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  - Briefing from the main stage close to the time of a keynote speaker
    - Provide a 30,000 foot view of the issues
  - Specialized briefing for state level staff
  - Work with states to have state-specific briefings at breakfasts, dinners, and receptions prior to Hill visits
  - Have talking points easily accessible
    - Mobile
    - Hardcopy



- Follow-up to attendees with surveys about the GAC
  - Provide easy ways to send feedback on legislator meetings
- Talk to state-level staff
  - How did the legislator meetings go?
  - Are there attendees that want to get more involved?





# HKE HILL



## Hike the Hill

- State or League-specific fly-ins throughout the year
  - 25 30 each calendar year
  - Groups as small as 3 and as large as 50+
- Leagues schedule days for Hike the Hill and Legislator meetings
- CUNA schedules meetings with Regulators



# Hike the Hill

- Education is first with a Briefing
  - Legislative, Political, and Regulatory outlook
    - Political Action Committee Role
  - State-specific focus on individual legislators
  - Lots of time for Q & A
- CUNA Lobbying Staff Role
- CUNA Hospitality



# My Advocates are back Home, Now What?

- Follow-up with the advocates
  - What has happened since they were in town?
  - Have they sent meeting feedback?
- How can advocates get more involved?
  - Sign Up for the Member Activation Plan (MAP)
  - Encourage them to invite a legislator to their credit union for a visit
  - Participate in a town hall meeting or tele-town hall
  - Use technology to keep advocates engaged



# Key to Success

- Make sure your advocates are educated on the issues
- Follow up, follow up, follow up effective advocacy is a two-way street
- Use every tool in the toolbox
  - In-person
  - Digital
  - Social
- Don't limit fly-ins to just Capitol Hill, meet with regulators too.



### **Thank You**

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