

Pick a Senator, Pick a Representative

Take two or three if you know them.



With the Texas Legislation 81st session now in progress, TAHU members need to be ready to let their representatives know our position on health bills that will be introduced this session in Austin. The 81st session began in January and we need to be ready to act. I have updated the Key Contact List located in our TAHU.org website with the current Senators and State Representatives of the 81st session. I have updated our TAHU key contacts that have volunteered. In our Texas Government we have 31 Senators and 150 Representatives. I took this information from the Texas Legislature Online website. What I need now for our willing members to do is go to our website, TAHU.org, click on the Legislation Tab at the top of the page, then in the right box, click on "Key Contact List". You will notice it is for members only, so you must log in to view the list. Look over that list and look for your Senator and State Representative in your District. If you do not know who represents you, go to www.capitol.state.tx.us website and find out. If you would like to be a key contact fill out the key contact form that happens to included with this article, fill it out and get it back to me.

Texas is a big state. Some districts may not be within your local chapters reach. We really need a key contact for every legislator. If you have a relationship with a legislator not in your district we could still use you as the key contact. Maybe you went to school with them. Maybe your parents, brother, sister, cousin, know a legislator. You could have some contact with them as well. What I am trying to convey is regardless whether you live in their district, if you have any relationship with an elected legislator, TAHU needs you for a key contact. Living in the district is preferred, but it is the relationship that is important.

What will the key contact person do? It is a lot like "Operation Shout". When an issue comes up that our voice needs to be heard, TAHU sends out information that needs to be sent or delivered to our Legislators expressing our views. Hearing from voters does impact our legislators' decisions and you can be a part of that. That information coming from a Key Contact helps to deliver the message. Who knows, you may become your legislators go to source for pending or introduced health legislation. Get involved this session. Become a Key Contact for TAHU.

Let me know if you are interested. My email is sherrod.jeff@principal.com

Questions? Contact any member of the Legislative Council: Rick Ott, rickott@swbell.net; Jeff Sherrod, sherrod.jeff@principal.com; Cheryl Clark, checlark@teamumc.com; Gary Waldron, gwaldron@prescottpaillet.com; Lee Manross, Imanross@aol.com; Shirley Hutzler, shirly270@aol.com; misty@mistybaker.com)



Texas Association of Health Underwriters

Legislative Key Contact and Political Involvement Form

NAME _____ Date _____

Business Address, City, Zip _____

Home Address, City, Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Are you a TAHUPAC Contributor? Yes No Other _____

Legislator(s) for whom you would like to be a key contact: _____

Describe information indicating the degree of your relationship with the Legislator(s) listed above.

- Close Personal Friend Business Associate Residential Neighbor Went to School together Mutual Friend
- Belong to the same Civic, Social or Fraternal Group Attend Church together Client of Mine Constituent
- Business Neighbor Acquaintance Active in Campaign (in what capacity _____)
- Campaign Contributor Other _____

