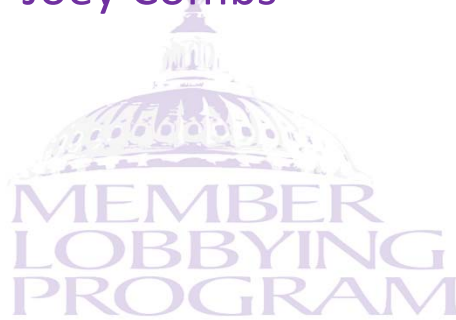


Member Lobbying and How You Can
Make a Difference
SEIU LOCAL 517M
Presented by Amy Davis-Comstock
Joey Combs



- We are the union!(call and response)
- Mighty, mighty union.(repeat)
- Everywhere we go-o.
- People want to know-o.
- Who we are.
- So we tell them.(Repeat)

Member Lobbying/Fellow Program

- A 9 week program in Washington DC
- SEIU Members are from locals all over the country
- Lobby Federal Legislators on Capitol Hill
- Organize the Community ie rallies, canvassing, flash mob
- Both a lot of phone banking

I met with Congressman Hansen Clark



I Met Virg Bernero



I Met with Anthony Weiner





I Met Senator Stabenow – Twice



And I Met With Senator Levin's Legislative Aide - Twice



But Our focus was organizing



Organizing rallies in the
streets of DC ...



Engaging People in Their Local Political Process...



Young and Old Alike Are the Experts When It Comes To What Is Wrong With Their Community... and We Need All the Experts to Be A Part of The Solution!

Contacting Your Legislators

- In person/Coffee hours
- Phone Calls
- Website/Email
- Letters to the Editor

How to Contact Your Federal Legislatures

- www.senate.gov
- Go to find your senators drop down box in upper right hand corner and choose MI
- www.house.gov
- Go to find your representative and enter your zip code
- Then enter 4 digit extension or street address

How to Contact Your State Legislatures

- www.senate.michigan.gov
- Under senate links click on find your senator
- www.house.mi.gov
- At the bottom of the page go to find your representative

“The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them.”
— John C Maxwell: *The 17th Irrefutable Laws of Teamwork* (2001, 185)

