



GCV Sample Email to State Legislators

Subject: Constituent Request for Telephone or Zoom/Facetime Meeting

Dear [Senator or Delegate Last name],

I am your constituent in [location] as well as a member of the Garden Club of Virginia (GCV). I am excited by the opportunity to meet and discuss the GCV's legislative priorities and [see how they may intersect with your efforts] OR [I would like to bring something important to your attention regarding _____.] (stormwater, for example)

The Garden Club of Virginia is Virginia's first conservation organization. It's an active association of 48 clubs whose membership encompasses more than 3,400 civic leaders from around the commonwealth. The GCV's Conservation Committee promotes conservation of natural resources; develops and presents educational programs such as our annual Conservation Forum; sponsors a conservation fellowship for Virginia college students and provides competitive funding for our clubs' local conservation efforts throughout the state.

For almost 90 years, the GCV has hosted the nation's only statewide house and garden tour, Historic Garden Week; proceeds fund the restoration and preservation of historic public landscapes in Virginia. The tour attracts 25,000 visitors each year, and the economic impact of Historic Garden Week in the last 50+ years is estimated to be more than \$518 million.

Please let me know if you are available [propose preferred date and an alternate] for a brief conversation as we collaborate to meet our mutual goals.

Best,
[Name] and (ADDRESS)
[Phone number]
[Email]