

At the core of the IWLA Congressional Contact Program is the famous maxim of former Speaker of the House of Representatives Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr.:



Throughout history, members of Congress have paid great attention to the views of their constituents.

The warehouse logistics industry is at the foundation of the U.S. economy and it impacts every aspect of goods movement throughout the world. Actions taken by our elected officials have a significant impact on our businesses, our industry and our economy.

IWLA members can provide an informed perspective to members of Congress regarding the issues impacting the 3PL industry.

The IWLA Congressional Contact Program provides members an efficient way to communicate with your elected officials.



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The Goal

The International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) Congressional Contact Program exists to raise awareness about the effects of pending regulations and legislation on the third-party logistics industry. The program establishes relationships between congressmen or senators and IWLA members in their district or state:

- Inform and educate members of Congress about the 3PL industry and the role it plays in the supply chain.
- Put a back-home constituent face on the 3PL industry; and
- Build successful back-home relationships with members of Congress.



Participants

Program participants are IWLA members who own or manage warehouse operations within the congressional district and state of the representative or senator being contacted.

These participants are not paid lobbyists. They are business owners and operators who can represent IWLA and build meaningful relationships with members of Congress back home.

Program Activities

IWLA asks members who participate in the program to commit to the following:

1) Meet with your congressman and senators (and/or their staff) twice per year in the district and in Washington, D.C., during the IWLA Legislative Fly-in.

Introduce yourself and your company.

Tell your congressman and senators about the **warehouse logistics industry**.

Inform your congressman of **issues affecting the industry** and ascertain his/her support for IWLA's position.

2) Once every four years for your representative and once every six years for your senators, host a visit at your facility. Provide leaders first-hand exposure to the warehouse-based 3PL industry.



3) As needed, write a letter or email regarding issues affecting our industry. Solicit the congressman's or senators' support.

These periodic, issue-focused contacts are more effective if you have met with your representatives and helped inform them about the industry.

4) If the IWLA Political Action Committee decides to provide financial support for your congressman or senators, you will be asked to personally deliver any contribution.

IWLA Support

Working with the IWLA Government Affairs Council and staff, members who choose to participate in the IWLA Congressional Contact Program will be provided with the **resources and support** necessary to engage in all program activities:

- Provide **contact information** regarding your representative and senators within your district and in Washington, D.C.
- **Arrange meetings** with your representative and senators in Washington and your district.
- Attend meetings with you to **support your efforts** and help demonstrate how to conduct an **effective meeting** with your representative or senators.
- Assist in **arranging facility** tours. IWLA and the Government Affairs Council will help in developing an agenda for the **tour that will be informative and enjoyable** for your employees and your congressional representative.
- Provide you with information to use as **talking points** when meeting with your congressional representatives.

