

## OHIO LOBBYING OR NOT: COMMON SCENARIOS

Factual Background	Lobbying Or Not?
You communicate with a legislator's staff in order to secure an amendment to a pending bill on behalf of a client or employer for compensation.	Not lobbying, unless the staff being communicated with is one of the House or Senate Caucus staff members listed in Appendix D of the OLEC Lobbying Handbook.
You communicate with an assistant to the Governor and ask for a pending regulation to be modified on behalf of a client or employer for compensation.	Not lobbying, as the Governor's staff are not reportable persons under lobbying statutes.
You visit the capitol to talk to legislators about a pending bill at a lobby day sponsored by an association you belong to.	Lobbying, but registration and reporting not required so long as you are uncompensated by the association or less than 5% of the time for which you are compensated is spent lobbying.
You communicate with a contact at the Department of Health to request information about complying with a particular law on behalf of a client or employer.	Not lobbying, as this is not an attempt to influence an executive agency decision.
A consultant is paid to create a mailer that is circulated to the general public urging people to contact their legislator to vote "No" on a particular bill.	Not lobbying, as this does not involve direct communication with a legislator.
An organization circulates a mailer to the general public urging voters to vote "No" on a question on the ballot.	Not lobbying, as lobbying does not include attempts to influence ballot measure before the voters.
An association sends an email alert to its members urging them to attend a rally to defeat pending legislation.	Not lobbying, as this does not involve direct communication with a legislator.

**NOTE:** With each advocacy communication, an organization must determine not only whether the communication constitutes lobbying for Ohio registration and disclosure purposes but also whether the communication constitutes lobbying for IRS 990 purposes.

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