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# **Building Relationships with Members of Congress**

# What is a Congressional Visit?



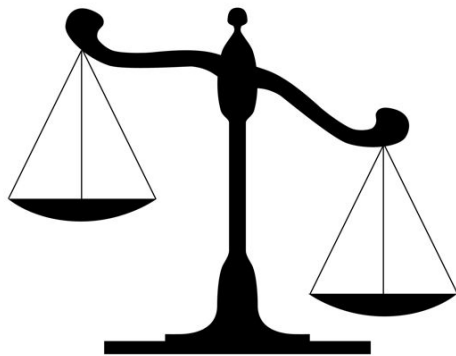
- Use our constituent power
- Influence our legislators
- Mobilize for global health equity






- Build Relationships
- Show power
- Find out where they are on the champion scale

GLOBAL  
HEALTH  
CHAMPION



GLOBAL  
HEALTH  
SCROOGE

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- 4 Champion
  - 3 Leader
  - 2 Advocate
  - 1 Supporter
  - 0 Neutral/Uninformed
  - 1 Opposed



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# Scheduling and preparing for a Congressional visit

**EPIC:**

**E**ngage: Build a Relationship

**P**roblem: Global Health Funding is in a serious crisis

**I**nform on a solution: They can help!

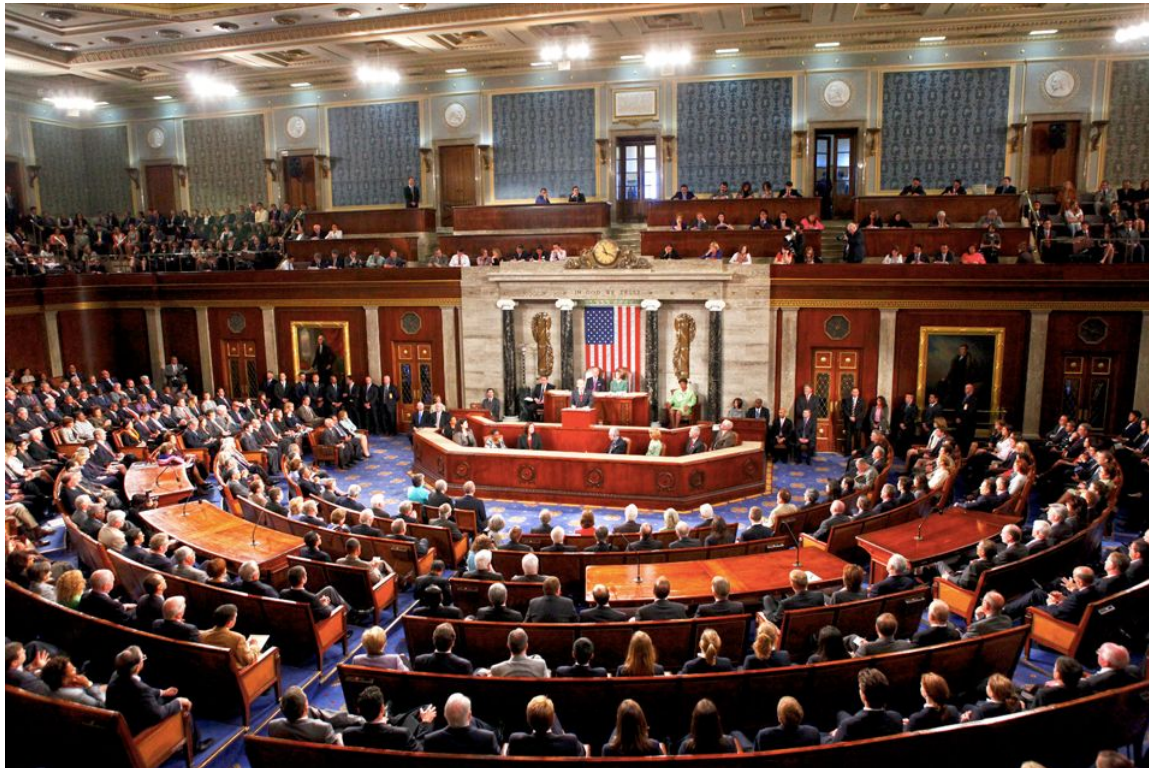
**C**all to action: Here's how...



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# How to Schedule a Visit

**Do research : Who will we meet with?**







[Congress](#) / [Members of Congress](#) / Lindsey Graham

## Sen. Lindsey Graham

Senator from South Carolina, **Republican**

[Graham's Official Website](#) [@GrahamBlog](#) [OpenSecrets](#) [VoteSmart](#) [Bioguide](#) [C-SPAN](#)

Graham, a Republican, has been a senator from South Carolina since Jan 7, 2003 (next election in 2020).

He was previously the representative for South Carolina's 3<sup>rd</sup> congressional district (1995-2002).

TRACK HIM

CONTACT HIM

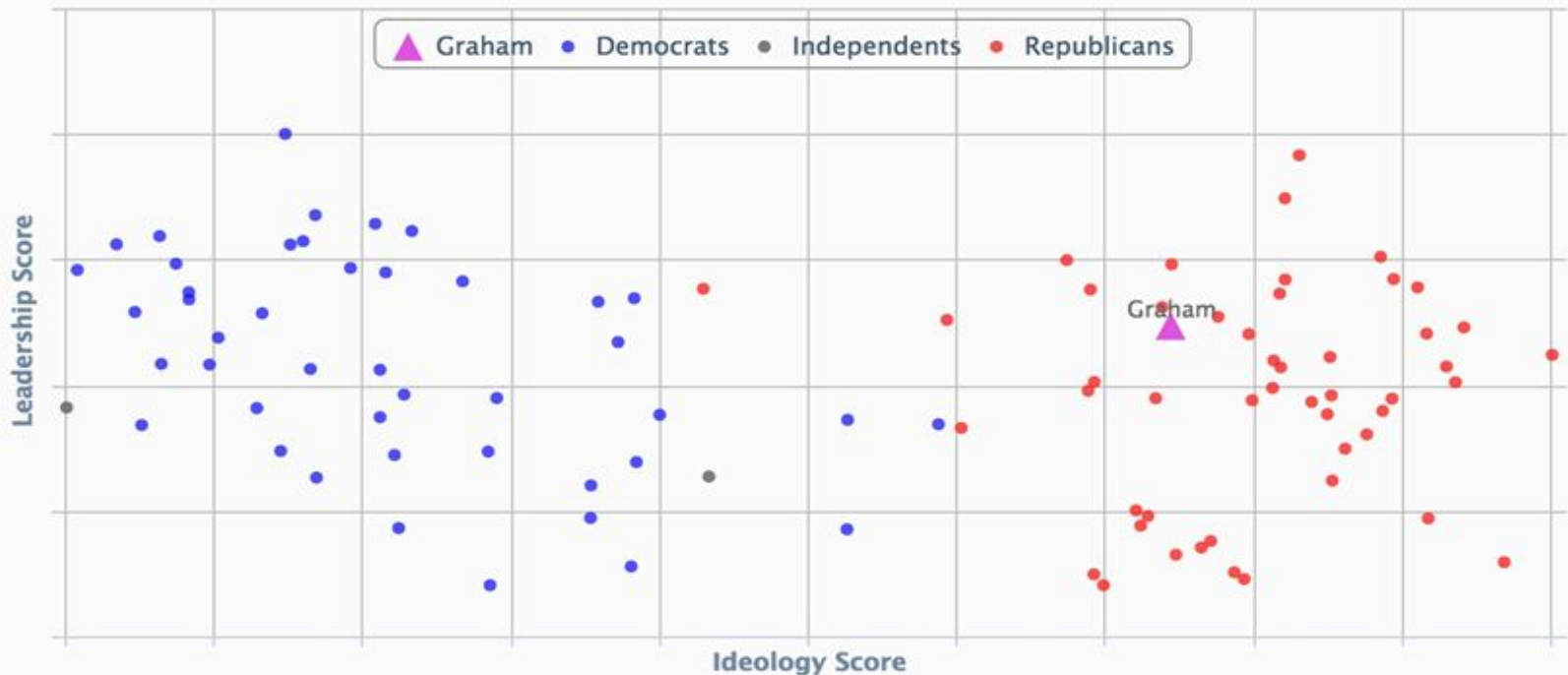


*Analysis*

## Analysis

Our unique analysis of the bills Graham has sponsored and cosponsored provides insight into his position in the Senate.

Each dot in the chart below is a member of the Senate. The dots are positioned horizontally according to our progressive—conservative ideology score and vertically according to our leadership score (leaders toward the top). Graham is shown as a purple triangle. ([analysis methodology](#))



2015 Statistics

Read our [2015 Report Card for Graham](#) for more statistics.

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## Committee Membership

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Lindsey Graham sits on the following committees:

### [Senate Committee on Appropriations](#)

Chairman, Subcommittee on [State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Department of Defense](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Department of Homeland Security](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Energy and Water Development](#)

### [Senate Committee on Armed Services](#)

Chairman, Subcommittee on [Personnel](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Emerging Threats and Capabilities](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Strategic Forces](#)

### [Senate Committee on the Judiciary](#)

Chairman, Subcommittee on [Crime and Terrorism](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [Privacy, Technology and the Law](#)

Member, Subcommittee on [the Constitution](#)

### [Senate Committee on the Budget](#)

Think Strategically: Decide when you'd like to meet with your congressperson.





# How to Schedule a Visit

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1. **Start** early
2. **Call** your Congressperson's local office
3. **Be** persistent!
4. **Ask** to conference in relevant DC staff

## To Do List:

- Background research
- Decide who is attending
- Check in with your team's coach
- Set an agenda
- Assign speaking roles (and practice!)
- Print leave behind (from <http://engage.pih.org/advocacy>)



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# **At the Meeting: Tips and Agenda**

## Speaking Roles:

1. Introduction
2. Thank the MOC
3. Personal story connecting the issue
4. Laser talk + The Ask
5. Closing remarks and photo-op

Other roles include **notetaker** and **time keeper**.

Practice, practice, practice!





- Thank Congressperson for time and supportive action
- Connect on a personal level
- Give a concise laser talk on the issue
- Make the ask!
- Make a plan for follow up



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## At the Meeting

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- Be confident
- Be clear
- Take notes
- Leave with a plan
- Leave a Leave-Behind\*
- Collect business cards\*

Take a Picture!



## Follow up, follow up, follow up!

- Plan to speak with their office **several times**
- Report back to the network
- Fill out the meeting report form right away:  
[http://engage.pih.org/meet\\_congress](http://engage.pih.org/meet_congress)

- 1) Who are your team's local representatives?
- 2) Who represents the members of your team?
- 3) How many MOC meetings will you aim for this year? How will you set this target?
- 4) Where else can you access your MOCs?