Finding Your Voice

Educational advocacy with elected officials — simple worksheet

Keep in Mind

What is your education access story?
What drives your passion to advocate?
Learn something about your audience.

Form Your Message

1. **"Hook"** – why does this person care or should care about education? Connect your story and your passion to their passion.

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2. **Offer information/data** – e.g., how much college housing costs, how the college grant helped you, did you have access to college/career navigators, etc. Some of this they might already know, but you're providing a face to the data.

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3. **Carry forward** – encourage connection and a shared vision: "Please support WA-SEN and education access in WA state."

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USE YOUR VOICE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE

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