

## Georgia Cemetery Association-Newsletter

The Georgia Cemetery Association encourages you to reach out to your legislators to build a relationship. One of the best opportunities we have to influence and advocate for our industry and business is to contact our legislators and talk with them about the challenges we face and discuss the burden of additional regulations. By sharing your opinions and ideas with your Representatives and Senators, you help them decide what to do regarding pending legislation that affects us. Strong personal relationships are the best means of influencing legislative decision-making. Personal visits, letters, phone calls, and emails also are important, especially when they come from constituents who are well known, highly regarded, and have gone out of their way to be involved. Building relationships takes time and careful effort, but it is the most effective way to shape the thinking of those who decide public policy.

We urge you to contact your legislators and cultivate a relationship. With the May 24th primary elections complete it is a great opportunity to get to know your legislators, both those who are new and those who have been around for a long time. Although it seems intimidating the best way to contact them is to call them. Most legislators list a district phone number on their legislative webpage, which is accessible via the links below. You will be surprised to find many list their cell phone numbers.

[www.legis.ga.gov](http://www.legis.ga.gov)

[House of Representatives](#)

[State Senate](#)

It's a good idea to stop by their office, introduce yourself and offer to take them to lunch, coffee, or just a brief visit. Any way for you to share with them more about who you are and what you do is encouraged to strengthen your relationship. It is important to build a personal relationship with your state legislators so this relationship can help in those times where issues may arise.