## **Knowing Your Policymakers and Stakeholders**



Michigan State University (MSU) Extension staff members can use this questionnaire to gather more information about their policymakers, including federal, state and county officials. Find much of this information about state legislators at <a href="https://www.legislature.mi.gov">https://www.legislature.mi.gov</a>. (Click on the topic "Legislators.")

Use social media accounts to identify recent activity and current issues important to this person.

It's also important to gather the same information on stakeholders, such as community partners. You can use this same form for stakeholders by using only the areas pertinent to the stakeholders you work with.

Policymaker/Stakeholder name:				
Position/Office held:				
Legislative/Congressional district #:				
Terms in office:				
Political party:				
Is it the majority party?				
Home community (such as city, town, etc.):				
Phone (work):				
Email:				
Phone (cell):				
Personal information:				





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Occupational background:
Committee assignments:
Is this person serving in a leadership position? If so, what?
Previous political involvement:
What are the most important issues to this person?
If a policymaker, how has this person voted on particular issues important to MSU Extension work? (see <a href="https://www.votesmart.org">https://www.votesmart.org</a> )
Are there any special interests, unique situations?
What are the major organizational affiliations?
What are the major interest groups and other political support networks for this person?

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	member, service recipient or staff member)? If so, explain.
<ul> <li>MSU Extension staff member(s)? If so, explain</li> </ul>	
MSU Extension council member(s) or other vo	plunteer(s)? If so, explain.
Who are the aides and support staff members fo	or this policymaker?
Name:	Position:
Interests:	
Special relationship with MSU Extension staff me	embers or volunteers?
Name:	Position:
Interests:	
Special relationship with MSU Extension staff me	embers or volunteers?
Name:	Position:
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Name:	Position:
Interests:	
Special relationship with MSU Extension staff me	embers or volunteers?
Completed by (your name):	
Date updated:	



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