

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY  
LEGISLATOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Because all responses are confidential, and will be used only for the construction of statistical summaries of responses, please do not identify yourself on this form.

1. An important objective of this survey is to get your sense of the *overall influence* of the following individuals and groups on the consideration and enactment of legislation. Please rate each based on your experiences in your house of the Legislature.

	Great Influence	Some Influence	Minor Influence	No Influence
Speaker of the House or Senate President	_____	_____	_____	_____
Majority Party Leader	_____	_____	_____	_____
Committee Chairs	_____	_____	_____	_____
Minority Party Leader	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ranking Minority Committee Members	_____	_____	_____	_____
Permanent Legislative Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Session Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Legislative Auditor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Governor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Governor's Staff	_____	_____	_____	_____
Executive Department Secretaries	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attorney General	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Influential Executive Branch Personnel (List Office) _____				

2. **During the legislative session** how frequently do you have contact with these constituents on matters related to your office?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Local Businesses	_____	_____	_____	_____
Local Non-Profit Organizations	_____	_____	_____	_____
Local Government Officials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Individuals from my district	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. When **the legislature is not meeting** how frequently do you have contact with these constituents on matters related to your office?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
Local Businesses	_____	_____	_____	_____
Local Non-Profit Organizations	_____	_____	_____	_____
Local Government Officials	_____	_____	_____	_____
Individuals from my district	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. In general, why do constituents contact you? Mark all that apply.

- To support or oppose pending legislation
- To seek help obtaining government services or economic benefits
- To complain about government services or regulations
- To seek help with a personal matter
- To seek information about government programs
- Other: Please Describe \_\_\_\_\_

5. In your opinion, which *two to four* committees in your house of the Legislature have the most influence over the production of legislation? Please list.

_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Please list up to *six organizations or lobbies* in Charleston that you think have the most influence on legislators.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Are there any *individual lobbyists* who you think have significant or great influence with legislators? Please name them.

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

8. When the Legislature is **not** in session on average approximately how many hours a *week* do you spend on legislative business including constituency relations? \_\_\_\_\_ hours
9. Current Office held: ( ) House of Delegates ( ) Senate
10. Party Affiliation ( ) Democratic ( ) Republican
11. Years in Legislative Office \_\_\_\_ years