## **Arizona Lobbying or Not**

## Common Scenarios

Factual Background	Lobbying Or Not?
You communicate with a legislator in order to secure an amendment to a pending bill on behalf of a client or employer for compensation.	Lobbying, as this is an effort to influence legislative action by direct communication with a legislator and does not fall within any exception. See A.R.S. § 41-1231(11).
You communicate with an assistant to the Department of Economic Security and ask for a proposed rule to be modified on behalf of a client or employer.	Lobbying, as this is an effort to influence the formal rulemaking process by direct communication with a state employee. See A.R.S. § 41-1231(11).
You visit city hall to talk to city councilors about a pending ordinance that you'd like modified.	Not lobbying for purposes of registering as a state lobbyist, but check with the municipality to see if it has specific lobbying disclosure requirements.
You communicate with a contact at the Department of Health to request information about complying with a particular law on behalf of a client or employer.	Not lobbying, as requesting information regarding compliance with a law is not considered lobbying as it does not deal with passing legislation, a formal rulemaking, or a procurement.
A consultant is paid to create a mailer that is circulated to the general public urging people to contact their legislator to vote "No" on a particular bill.	Not lobbying as Arizona doesn't regulate grassroots lobbying.
An organization circulates a mailer to the general public urging voters to vote "No" on a question on the ballot.	Not lobbying, but may be considered a political communication for campaign finance purposes.



NOTE: With each advocacy communication, an organization must determine whether the communication constitutes lobbying for Arizona disclosure purposes but also whether the communication constitutes lobbying for IRS 990 purposes.

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