



# What is lobbying?

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Lobbying is trying to influence governmental action by communicating with or urging others to communicate with public officials or local officials in metropolitan governmental units.

## What is governmental action?

Governmental action means:

- (1) actions by the state legislature and by the governor in his role in the legislative process;
- (2) actions by state agencies, including boards and commissions, in rulemaking, rate setting, power plant and power line siting, and granting some certificates of need; and
- (3) official actions by metropolitan governmental units.

## What is a metropolitan governmental unit?

A metropolitan governmental unit is any of the following:

- (1) the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington;
- (2) a regional railroad authority established by one or more of the counties listed in part (1);
- (3) a city with a population of over 50,000 located in one of the counties listed above, which includes Apple Valley, Blaine, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Coon Rapids, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Edina, Lakeville, Maple Grove, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Plymouth, St. Paul, and Woodbury;
- (4) the Metropolitan Council; and
- (5) a metropolitan agency as defined in Minnesota Statutes section 473.121, subdivision 5a, which includes the Metropolitan Airports Commission, the Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission, and the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission.