How to share your personal story during lobby meetings

1. Introduce yourself briefly.

Hi, my name is ____ and I am [occupation] who lives in [city, state] and a member of [organization].

2. Briefly explain your connection to/interest in this issue.

Examples:
- This issue is important to me because I have family members living in North Korea who I haven’t been able to see in ____ years.
- I am a longtime peace activist and I feel strongly that the US must end this forever war in order to prevent a nuclear catastrophe.

3. Tell your story about how this issue affects you.

Tips:
- **Keep it brief.** Focus on the events that are specifically relevant to Korea peace and consequences of the unresolved war. Tell your story chronologically, so it is easy to follow.
- **Stick to the highlights.** Aim for a minute or two. Just give them the parts that grab their attention and leave them wanting to know more. When they ask questions, you’ve caught their attention.
- **Emotion should move, not overwhelm.** Stories that evoke emotion are powerful, but if they overwhelm others, they could shut down. Try to strike a balance between inspiration and realism.
- **Motivate with hope.** Focus on how your life would change for the better if the Korean War ended and there was peace on the Korean Peninsula.

4. Make an “ask.”

Don’t be shy. Let them know that you want them to be a Korea peace champion by co-sponsoring H.R.3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, which calls for serious, urgent diplomacy in pursuit of a binding peace agreement to formally end the Korean War.

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