AMCA Washington Conference Rosmarie Kelly Elmer Gray



★ Educate ourselves on legislative issues

Speak to our elected representatives



First day begins at noon

★ Legislative issues

- Clean Water Act/NPDES
- Funding for National Disease Surveillance (ELC)
- Endangered Species Act and Mosquito Control
- FQPA Appropriations
- Mosquito Control on Wildlife Refuges

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★ Key House and Senate Committees and Subcommittees...and how things work! Appropriations – Jack Kingston Sanford Bishop Tom Graves Agriculture - Saxby Chambliss Environment and Public Works – Barbara Boxer, Chair

★Legislative Aides



★Kudos to Elmer

Appointments – even after we arrived Start weeks in advance Senate and House on different sides of the Capitol 11 of 15 Senators and Representatives arranged





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★Kudos to Ros ★What did we accomplish All 15 offices visited to meet key legislators or assistants, and to leave information

Second day – Capitol Hill Visits ★What did we accomplish

Two representatives voted against HR 872

Neither did this for technical or political reasons

Their office/staff did not fully understand the issue

They agreed to reconsider if the issue came back

★What did we accomplish

Explain the importance of funding for the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant

Follow-Up to Capitol Hill Visits

- ★ Ros has corresponded with everyone that was contacted during the visits
- ★ Elmer is serving as our primary contact for follow-up visits with legislators

Summary, the:

 ★ Lack of factual information on issues
 ★ Continued uncertainty of Senate action on HR 872

Emphasizes the need for all individuals to get involved



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