

Format for contact files

The format is:

CONGRESSPERSON;STATE;DISTRICT;CONNECTION1,CONNECTION2

where CONGRESSPERSON is the name of the Congressperson (must be identical to that in the Congresspersons DB!)

STATE is the two-letter state code

DISTRICT is a two-digit number or just the state code (for Senators or At-Large House Members),

CONNECTIONS are the connection codes (see next slide)

Each congressperson you have a connection to gets a separate line.

The location of commas and semi-colons is important.

Please format your file and send it to corcoran@rice.edu

Connection codes

connection codes:

IF = immediate family (mother, father, siblings)

EF = extended family (grandmother, cousins, uncles and aunts, etc)

CR = current resident

FR = former resident

RV = registered voter

CW = current workplace

FW = former workplace

ED = educated in district/state

PC = personal/previous connection (e.g. met with them before, know a staffer, etc.

Example file

Dan Burton;IN;05;EF
Richard G. Lugar;IN;IN;EF
Evan Bayh;IN;IN;EF
Dianne Feinstein;CA;CA;IF,CR,RV,CW,ED
Barbara Boxer;CA;CA;IF,CR,RV,CW,ED
Pete Stark;CA;13;CR,RV,PC
Henry A. Waxman;CA;30;FR,FW,ED,PC
Lynn Woolsey;CA;06;IF,PC
Kevin McCarthy;CA;22;IF,PC
Sam Farr;CA;17;CW,PC
Darrell Issa;CA;49;IF,PC
Harry Reid;NV;NV;EF