This week’s readings and lecture offered information related to lobbyists and advocates. Is there a difference between being a lobbyist and an advocate? Lobbyists provide support for policy, as do advocates, so what is the difference? Most nurses consider themselves patient advocates; however, a political advocate is somewhat different. In this discussion, differentiate between a lobbyist and an advocate. Be sure to discuss a political advocate rather than a bedside advocate.

Topics to include:

* Definition of a lobbyist.
* Definition of an advocate.
* Similarities and differences.
* Why are they both important?
* How does **one** of your selected organizations (choose one you used in your week 1 DB - *What is the definition of Nursing Excellence* - these organizations were discussed in the week 1 PowerPoint) lobby or advocate for health care policy?

Choose one from the two organizations: The World Health Organization (WHO), Quality Safety and Education for Nurses (QSEN).

Is there a difference between being a lobbyst or advocate?

Paper must contain an introduction, body, and a conclusion. References must be no older than five years old. One of the references must be from reading material. Must focus on how nurses can be political advocate not bedside nursing advocate.