

[Introduce yourself as the host and moderator of the event.]

Below is the Agenda and talking points. I cc'ed everyone in case there is discussion on the talking points.

Agenda:

6:00-6:30 Eat and see demos

6:30-7:30 Roundtable discussion with [Congressperson]*

7:30-8:30 Networking / demo

8:30-9:00 Breakdown of demos

* The discussion could take 2 different forms depending on the amount of people in the room. If there are lots of people, we'll have each person present their open hardware company and talk about the benefits open hardware has given them for 3-5 minutes (no slides), followed questions in a panel form. If the room is not packed, we can have a more informal discussion where people can chime in as they feel necessary. So, please be prepared to give a brief background on your company.

Talking points:

[Introduce other IP reform your Congressperson has been active in] Here are some questions to prompt discussion (feel free to edit/add):

How can [your state] help the growth of open source hardware, what benefits could it offer?

What are the benefits of open sourcing innovation rather than patenting?

What should the government's role be in open source hardware (including not at all)?

How can open source hardware help education?