



Call Your Member of Congress

Purpose:

Phone calls are one of the quickest ways of letting your US elected official know you care about a specific issue. ONE often asks its members to make phone calls to Members of Congress to leverage their support during priority campaigns. A few minutes of your time can impact millions of lives. Phone calls help educate the government leader about a specific issue, help distinguish between foreign affairs spending priorities, and demonstrate impact of your work with ONE on your campus or in your congressional district.

Strategy:

Keep it simple. The most impactful calls to a Member of Congress are direct and to the point, highlighting a single issue and the respective global mechanism (ex- HIV/AIDS – PEPFAR; Hunger- Feed the Future; Child vaccines – GAVI). Most calls to Members of Congress can be effectively completed in less than 30 seconds.

Components:

- Introduction – Include your name and that you are a constituent and a ONE member
- “Ask” - Brief 1 sentence statement including the specific request for the Member of Congress
- Support – 1-2 sentences of proof on why your ask is important to you and why the Member of Congress should act on this issue.
- Thank You – For being a champion, a leader, or their service to the district
- Contact Information – Your name, physical address, email and phone number

Who should I call?

Depending on the legislation, you will make up to three calls: two to your two senators and one representative asking them to support programs to alleviate extreme poverty. Each call will be brief, and you will ask to speak with their legislative assistant or leave a message. Use your zip code to identify your Members of Congress:

Senators www.senate.gov

Representative www.house.gov

What number should I dial?

Call either their Washington number or the office in your district/state.

*Be sure to check ONE’s website for updated phone calls scripts or talking points for each campaign.

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Sample Script

"Hello, my name is _____, I am a constituent and ONE member from (town) (state). I'm calling to ask (Senator or Representative) _____ to support XXX in the upcoming vote. These solutions are key to helping the poorest communities on the planet lift themselves out of poverty and contribute to a full national security strategy for less than 1% of the US budget."

Thank you for your support.

Reporting

Make sure to report your call and any comments/feedback from staffer:
<http://campus.one.org/report-points>.

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