

CALL CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF THE DREAM ACT

FEBRUARY 1, 2018

CALLER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find your Member(s) of Congress, and their phone number(s)

- A. To find your U.S. Senators, by State: please use the sheet provided.
- B. To find your U.S. Representative, go to: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/>
 - a. Enter your hometown zip code in the upper right
 - b. If prompted, enter your street address to refine the search
 - c. Use the sheet provided to find the contact information for your U.S. Representative
- C. Write down the names/phone numbers of your U.S. Rep. and Senators on the top of the talking points page.
 - a. Also note whether they should get an “Urge” or a “Thank” you call.
 - b. This information is available the Senate and House Call List (DREAM Act) documents.
- D. You may also wish to place an “Urge” call to Speaker Ryan and Senator McConnell.
- E. Please use the talking points attached to this document (Page 2) to place your call.
 - a. You will be speaking with a staffer or an intern, probably someone about your age!
 - b. Do not ask to speak with the Member, but leave your message with whomever answers. They will note your call, and its purpose, and share a summary with the Member.
 - c. Be passionate, but also be polite. Anger is counter-productive to successful advocacy.
 - d. If you are “Thanking” your Member, you can substitute talking points #2 and #3.

2. Frequently asked questions

- A. I oppose the Dream Act. May I call my Member of Congress and say that?
Yes, of course. Please go ahead and find the contact info for your Members, and then place a call to express your opinion.
- B. Are thank you calls optional?
Yes, they are optional. Everyone likes to be thanked, but too many calls could tie up their office phones.

3. Thank you participating!

- A. Please contact your friends ask them to participate, too!

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TALKING POINTS

My hometown U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators

URGE/THANK

U.S. Representative: _____	(202) 225- _____	_____
U.S. Senator: _____	(202) 224- _____	_____
U.S. Senator: _____	(202) 224- _____	_____
Speaker of the House Paul Ryan	(202) 225- 0600	<u>URGE call</u>
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell	(202) 224- 3135	<u>URGE call</u>

REMINDERS WHEN MAKING YOUR PHONE CALL(S):

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TALKING POINTS to URGE SUPPORT of the DREAM Act:

1. My name is _____, and I am from (HOMETOWN) _____.
2. I am calling to encourage (REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR) _____ to pass the DREAM Act.
3. Time is running out! I am very worried about what may lie ahead for the hundreds of thousands of DACA-protected students and undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children, if Congress does not pass the DREAM Act or similar legislation to protect them immediately.
4. After March 5th, more than 1000 people a day will lose their DACA status!
5. I urge Congress to come together and take immediate action, please, to pass DREAM Act legislation as soon as possible. Thank you for very much for listening.

TALKING POINTS to THANK members for their SUPPORT of the DREAM Act:

1. I am calling to thank (REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR) _____ for supporting the DREAM Act.
2. Please do whatever you can to convince your colleagues to pass the DREAM Act today.
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