



Advocacy Plan

Sample Phone Call Script

If you are not able to visit your legislators or their staff in person, you can also call into their office to share your concerns. Below are the steps you can take for calling into your legislator's offices.

STEP 1: FIND YOUR SENATORS

1. Go to: <http://www.senate.gov/states/>
2. Click on your state.
3. The two Senators from your state will be listed. Click on their names to be redirected to their individual Senator websites.
4. Their contact information will be listed on their site.
5. Take note of their office phone number and email.

STEP 2: FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

1. Go to: <http://www.house.gov/>
2. In the top right corner of the homepage, there is a box titled "Find Your Representative."
3. Type in your zip code and hit "go."
4. The name of your Representative will come up. Click on their name to be redirected to their website.
5. Their contact information will be listed on their site.
6. Take note of their office phone number and email.

STEP 3: CALL THE OFFICE

1. Using the contact information you collected from the Senators' and Representatives' websites, call their offices.
2. They receive a lot of phone calls every day, so it is important to say who you are and what you are calling about.
3. Ask to speak to the agriculture legislative assistant, if they are available.
4. An example of what this call might look like can be found below. What they will possibly say is in blue, and what you can say is in red.



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Person answers phone

Hello, thank you for calling Senator _____ office. How may I help you today?

Hi, my name is _____ and I'm calling from the _____ FFA chapter. Is your agriculture legislative assistant available to take a brief call?

One moment, please. I will transfer you to them now.

Call gets transferred to the agriculture legislative assistant and they answer.

Hi, this is John Smith and I handle agriculture for the Senator. How may I help you today?

Hi, my name is _____ and I'm calling from the _____ FFA chapter. I was just calling to let you know the importance of FFA and the impact it makes on our local community.

That's great. Would you mind telling me what FFA is?

FFA is a national organization made up of 650,000 agricultural education students from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. We focus on developing our potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. As FFA members, we have the opportunity to participate in Career Development Events that range from livestock judging to floriculture. We can also participate in the agriscience fair where we focus on the science behind agriculture. At the local level, we make a difference in our communities through numerous community service projects.

It sounds like you stay pretty busy. What is your personal involvement with FFA?

Share your personal FFA experiences

FFA sounds like a great organization to be a member of. What can we do for you?

We would love for the Senator to continue his/her support of the organization and the next generation of agriculturalists. Agriculture needs a strong and skilled workforce and we are the future farmers, biologists, chemists, veterinarians, engineers, and entrepreneurs who will fill that need. We would love for the Senator to visit our program when he/she is in the area to show them what we can offer students.

I'll pass along this information to the Senator and we will keep you in mind for future visits when he/she is in the area. Thanks for calling in today.

Thank you for your time and I hope you have a great day.