



Sample Phone Scripts for Calling Your Legislators

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Tips for Calling Legislators

- Make it personal if you can. Tell how this bill will affect you/your community.
- Be clear and concise.
- Be respectful.
- Stick to the facts.

Do you have questions about this template or other aspects of providing written testimony? Our policy staff is happy to help! Just send an email to Ashley Jones-Wisner, our state policy manager, at ajwisner@kchealthykids.org or give her a call at 816-523-5353.



Sample Phone Script: Contact Your State Legislator

Community Member: Hello, I am a constituent of *(insert legislator's name)* and would like to make a comment to Senator/Representative _____ about *(name the bill or the specific issue)*: _____

Legislative Secretary: *Certainly. I can transfer you. (Or they may be able to help you.)*

Community Member: Thank you. My name is _____, and I live at (full address)

_____.
I'm calling to urge Senator/Representative _____ to support/oppose *(name of the bill or the specific issue and brief explanation if needed.)*

Legislative Secretary: *I will give your message to Senator/Representative _____, would you like for him/her to send a response to you?*

Community Member: Yes, please send a response by email at (your email address)

_____ or by phone at _____.

Thank you for your time, good-bye.



Sample Phone Script: Contact Your Congressperson

Community Member: Hello, I would like to make a comment to Senator/Representative _____ about a legislative matter (*name the bill or the specific issue*): _____.

OR: Hello, I'd like to speak with the individual in your office who handles public health/food/sales tax issues.

Legislative staff member: Certainly. I can transfer you to _____. (Or they may be able to help you.)

Community Member: Hello, my name is _____, and I live in (*city, state*): _____.
I'm calling you because I'm very concerned about (*issue of concern or name & number of the bill*)

_____.
You are my (*Senator/Representative*) and I want to know that I can count on you to (support/oppose) (*issue of concern or name & number of the bill*): _____ because
(*give brief explanation of why you support/oppose the bill*): _____

Legislative staff member: I will give your message to Senator/Representative _____, would you like for him/her to send a response to you?

Community Member: Yes, please send a response by email at (your email address): _____
or by phone at _____. Thank you for your time, good-bye.



Sample Phone Script: Ask your state legislator to support the elimination of sales tax on food in Kansas

Community Member: Hello, I would like to make a comment to Senator/Representative _____ about a legislative matter (*name the bill or the specific issue*): _____

Legislative Secretary: Certainly. I can transfer you to _____. (Or they may be able to help you.)

Community Member: Hello, my name is _____, and I live in (*city, state.*): _____ .
I'm calling you because I'm very concerned about (*issue of concern or name & number of bill*): _____
_____ .

Please vote to eliminate this tax that hurts Kansas families. You are my (*Senator/Representative*) and I want to know that I can count on you to support the elimination of sales tax on food in Kansas. Your decision can help all Kansans, but will especially help low-income families afford more healthy food. Please vote YES for elimination of Kansas' high sales tax on food.

Legislative Secretary: I will give your message to Senator/Representative _____, would you like for him/her to send a response to you?

Community Member: Yes, please send a response by email at (your email address) _____ or by phone at _____. Thank you for your time, good-bye.