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.

  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.