

## Call Script Example

Hi, my name is [Name] and I live in [City, State]. I am calling to urge [Policymaker] to protect the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (better known as SNAP) – our nation's most effective and important tool to fight hunger.

Even though 42 million Americans rely on nutrition assistance from SNAP each month, I understand that a range of cruel proposals before Congress would take away or reduce food assistance in order to extend and expand tax breaks for businesses and the wealthy. This is indefensible and economically wrong.

In addition to addressing hunger, boosting the economy, reducing health care costs, and improving the long-term prospects of households with low incomes, SNAP provides for a level of need that the food banks and emergency food programs cannot meet.

As a constituent, I implore [Policymaker] to reject ineffective and arbitrary work requirements, reject budget caps and the “cost neutralization” of benefits, reject alterations to SNAP’s funding structure, and reject a reduction in free school meals. No cuts to the federal nutrition safety net.

[For a Democrat]

I realize that the Member is unlikely to vote to advance this harmful proposal, but we need them to stand up to their colleagues on the other side of the aisle and do everything in their power to prevent cuts from happening. What actions are they taking to avert this crisis?

[For a Republican]

It is essential that we get the Member’s commitment to protect this program from harm. Where do they currently stand? I will be following closely to ensure they legislate in the interest of their constituents.