

Advocacy Phone Call Guide

Use this guide when calling your U.S. Senator or Representative. Speak naturally—the script is meant to be a guide, not something you need to read word-for-word.

Introduction

Hi, my name is *[Your Name]*, and I'm a *[graduate/undergraduate]* student studying Communication Sciences and Disorders at *[University]*. I'm also a constituent from *[City/ZIP Code]*.

Purpose

I'm calling to ask *[Senator/Representative Last Name]* to support legislation that improves access to hearing, speech, and language services.

Personal Connection [IMPORTANT]

As a future *[audiologist/speech-language pathologist]*, I've seen how critical early intervention and access to care are for patients.

Personalize [OPTIONAL]

For example, *[brief 1-2 sentence story from clinic, class, or observation]*.

Specific Ask

I'm asking the Senator/Representative to support *[Bill Name/Number, if known]* or prioritize policies that:

- Expand access to audiology and speech-language services
- Improve insurance coverage for hearing aids and therapy

Close

Can I ask what the Senator/Representative's position is on this issue?

(If unsure / staff doesn't know): I would appreciate them considering this issue and sharing my message.

End

Thank you so much for your time and for supporting patients with communication needs.

Voicemail Script

Hi, my name is *[Your Name]*, and I'm a constituent from *[City/ZIP Code]* and a student in Communication Sciences and Disorders at *[University]*.

I'm calling to urge *[Senator/Representative Last Name]* to support legislation that improves access to hearing and speech services. As a future *[audiologist/SLP]*, I've seen how important these services are, especially for children, the elderly, and underserved populations.

I hope they will prioritize policies that expand access and improve insurance coverage.

Thank you for your time.