



Call Your Lawmakers About AmeriCorps

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In the digital age, we may be more comfortable sending a text, email, or tweet. But a phone call from a constituent can hold more weight and bring awareness to an issue.

We have directions and a call script that will help make calling your lawmakers fast and easy, and ensure your message has an impact.

Follow these steps and tell Congress to invest in AmeriCorps:

- Visit [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov), [input your zip code](#) to confirm your two senators and representatives, and locate their phone numbers.
- Alternatively, you can call the Capitol operator, ask for your lawmakers by name, and be connected directly to their offices.
 - House of Representative Switchboard: 202-225-3121
 - Senate Switchboard: 202-224-3121
- Typically, a staff assistant will answer your call. However, in some offices, a recording will play and then you will be given the option to leave a message.
- Once connected with your lawmaker's office, introduce yourself as a constituent and ask to leave a comment for the legislator.
- Read the script below.
- You can ask the office to send you a response, if you would like a letter or email addressing your concerns.
- When you are finished, be sure to thank the staffer for their time!

Sometimes when Congress is debating a major issue, high call volume can overwhelm the Washington office. If you keep getting a busy signal, we encourage you to try calling the district office instead.

Call script is on next page

Call Script:

Hello. My name is **[FIRST AND LAST NAME]** and I'm a constituent from **[CITY OR COUNTY, STATE]**. I'd like to leave a comment for **[MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME]**.

I'm calling today to ask **[MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME]** to support increased funding for AmeriCorps in the Fiscal Year 2025 Labor-HHS Appropriations bill.

There are tens of thousands of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors serving in communities across the country – urban and rural – helping to address locally determined challenges. They provide on-the-ground support to 36,000 schools, homeless shelters, health centers, foodbanks, veterans facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based groups.

This month, the House is debating a bill that would eliminate more than 71,000 AmeriCorps positions and end support for state service commissions. This would be catastrophic for communities like ours.

[Elaborate upon the impact in your community, if you are able to.]

As a constituent, I hope that **[MEMBER OF CONGRESS NAME]** will support increased funding for AmeriCorps to avoid any reduction in service opportunities.

Our community can't afford to lose our AmeriCorps members. Thank you for your time and consideration.

→ If you would like to request a response, repeat your name and contact information (phone number and/or email) before ending the call.