

FEDERAL EMPLOYEE CALL-IN DAY SCRIPT

You can contact your House Representative or Senators by phone by calling the Capitol Switchboard. Simply call the number below, give the operator your zip code, and he/she will connect you with your elected officials' office. Should you need assistance, here are some suggested talking points to use when calling your elected officials.

Make sure to call during off-duty time, using your own phone, and make it clear that you are calling as a constituent.

U.S. Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121

(Begin)

- Hello, my name is _____ from _____ (city/state).
- I am calling you today to let you know that I am very concerned about the potential impact of a government shutdown.
- As a constituent who works for the federal government, I know the valuable work that civilian federal workers do for America every day, and I know that this country cannot function properly without those services.
- Furloughing hundreds of thousands of federal employees in a government shutdown will hurt us, and the people we serve.
- Whether it is caring for veterans, guarding our borders, keeping our military ready, or any of the numerous other services federal workers provide, the American people rely on the work of federal employees, and we deliver.
- As concerned as I am about the possibility of a government shutdown, I am also extremely concerned about the drastic cuts to federal agencies being proposed by some in Congress.
- Federal workers understand that everyone needs to share the burden of our current economic condition, but starving agencies of the resources they need to complete their missions is a bad idea.
- Please understand that federal employees want to work. We are committed to serving the American people every day, and we do not want to be forced to stay home because of furloughs.
- We want to go to work and provide the critical services that our neighbors and communities count on.
- I would like to know where you stand on a government shutdown. Will you stand with federal workers and come to an agreement that gives agencies the funding they need?
- Thank you for your time.

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