

SAMPLE TELEPHONE SCRIPT:

***Note:** When you call, you are unlikely to speak directly with your elected official. You will most likely speak with whoever answers the phone, although you can ask to connect with the person who deals with international affairs or foreign aid.*

Be sure to speak clearly and confidently on the phone. Women and girls deserve to have their voices heard!

Hello. I would like to express my views about an issue.

My name is _____ and I am one of _____'s (name of Congressman/woman) constituents living in _____ (city and zip code). I am a member of Dining for Women, a nonprofit that supports women's empowerment and gender equality in the developing world through grants, advocacy, and global citizen education.

I'm calling today to voice my opposition to the administration's proposed cuts to the International Affairs budget. I support a robust foreign aid budget that puts women and girls at its core. Promoting the rights of women and girls, and putting them at the core of foreign aid, can make our investments more effective and make our world more prosperous, stable, and secure.

Thank you for your time and I hope that _____ (name of Congressman/woman) will stand with me in opposing cuts to the International Affairs budget.