
CALL TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO ADVOCATE FOR ACTION TO RAISE THE SEQUESTRATION BUDGET CAPS

TEMPLATE SCRIPT

- Thank you for taking my call,
- My name is [NAME] and I am a constituent from [TOWN]. May I please speak with the LA (legislative assistant) who handles budget issues?

If they say she/he is busy, ask for their email address and send a personalized version of the talking points below. If they put you in his/her voicemail or say that they can't provide the email address, but would be glad to take a message use the following talking points.

- I am calling because I am concerned that Congress is saddled with budget caps signed into law in 2011 and that those caps don't give the current Congress the flexibility they need to fulfill national priorities.
- I'm particularly concerned that Congress will be forced to shortchange [medical research/ health services research/ science funding/ public health]. We are a strong nation because we don't stand still; we innovate to better outcomes. I hope that [name of Congressman/Senator] will not just support, but champion, a budget agreement that addresses the 2011 budget caps.
- I appreciate my views being taken into account, and would appreciate an email response. My email address is [EMAIL]. *(Recite your email address twice)*