

Phone Banking Script

Background: With the crisis in Afghanistan, the push to include a path to citizenship in the Reconciliation package, the Administration's continued closure of the southern border to asylum seekers, and the new fiscal year for refugee admissions fast approaching, now is the time to connect with your Representatives and Senators about these issues, while they're home for recess. Here is a sample phone script you can use to call the district offices of your Senators and Representative.

Step 1: Use www.govtrack.us to find your Representative and Senators

Step 2: Call the offices of your Representative and Senators.

Hi, my name is _____. I'm a constituent who lives in _____.

I'm a part of (congregation or coalition if applicable). I'm also an advocate with HIAS.

I'm calling to ask _____ to stand for Welcome by taking the following actions.

Tell the Biden Administration to continue humanitarian evacuations from Afghanistan, and not just of those affiliated with the US, but but also human rights advocates (especially women and girls), journalists, and religious and ethnic minorities, all of whom will face grave danger without immediate assistance.

Publicly support including the pathway to citizenship from Dreamers, TPS holders and their families in the Reconciliation package.

Tell the Biden Administration to stop using Title 42 expulsions and let those who desperately need asylum to enter our country, and

Tell the Biden Administration to keep their promise to set the refugee admissions goal next fiscal year at 125,000 and make sure the program has the staff and resources it needs to accomplish this important goal.

Our community stands for welcome, and I urge you to reflect the best of our nation by supporting Afghans in crisis, a path to citizenship, asylum seekers, and refugee resettlement.

(Note: make sure you get the name of the person you spoke to so you can follow up if needed, and let them know you'd like to follow up on where the legislator is on these issues)

Step 3: email takeaction@hias.org and let us know how it went!