

Each day, congressional staffers tabulate the number of calls, emails, letters, etc. they receive from constituents about various issues, and often use these numbers to determine if and how the member of Congress will respond to an issue. This is why LWVUS is encouraging its members and supporters to contact their congresspeople urging them to oppose Medicaid cuts.

Here's what you need to do:

- 1. Find out who your US Senators and Representatives are by visiting the League's page.
- 2. Call the state or district offices for your respective members. You can find your members of Congress' local office information on the LWV Elected Officials finder.
- 3. Use the script below!

Note: If this is your first time calling your members of Congress and you feel intimidated, remember, these are YOUR elected officials, and they are responsible for representing and responding to your needs. Your voice is powerful, so take a deep breath, slow down, and lean on the script!

Script

Hello, my name is [FIRST AND LAST NAME] and I am a resident of [CITY, STATE]. Note: be prepared to tell them your zip code if asked!

I am calling to urge [Senator NAME or Representative NAME] to oppose legislation with cuts to Medicaid, threatening loss of health care for millions of eligible Americans. Medicaid is the single largest source of health coverage in the country, insuring 1 in 5 people, and covering vital health services.

(Feel free to insert personal experience with Medicaid).

As a constituent, I oppose cuts to vital programs to offset tax cuts for wealthy Americans, and urge [Senator NAME or Representative NAME] to vote against legislation with Medicaid cuts.

Thank you for taking my call!