



How to Call Your Member of Congress

- 1) Call the Capitol Hill main line: 202-224-3121
- 2) Ask to be connected to each of your Senator's offices, and also your Representative's office.
- 3) The front office will answer the phone. Politely tell the staff member who answers the phone that you have an opinion on **global health and foreign aid** that you would like to share with the member of Congress and ask if you can leave that opinion with the staffer.
- 4) Deliver your talking points.

Hello, my name is XX and I am a constituent of Senator/Representative XX,

I am also a supporter of the Shot@Life campaign, a national grassroots organization that advocates for global child immunization programs. I am strongly opposed to any measure that would cut US funding for the United Nations. UN agencies like UNICEF and the World Health Organization are vital to saving kids' lives by facilitating global vaccine programs.

[Choose from 1-2 of these statistics]

- In 2015 alone, UNICEF procured 2.8 billion vaccine doses and was responsible for immunizing an incredible 45 percent of the world's children from deadly diseases.
- Between 2000-2015 UNICEF helped save the lives of 23.5 million children from measles, by increasing vaccine coverage rates.
- Funding UN agencies that prevent diseases around the world is a smart investment. Every dollar invested in vaccines returns an average of \$16 in economic savings and avoided healthcare costs.
- Stopping diseases before they reach our country protects the health of Americans at home and abroad. A disease anywhere is a threat to everyone, so until we eliminate these threats we are all at risk.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Senator/Representative XX oppose any legislation that would cut US contributions to the United Nations, and speak out against any Executive Orders from the White House that would do the same.

[Please give the staffer your contact information and request a response from the office with the member's position]

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Have a great day,

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- 5) Thank the staffer for his or her time and record your advocacy action on the [Champion Community](#) website.