



Call Your Legislator: 10 Points

You can earn up to 30 points by calling your members of Congress. Follow the steps and talking points below to reach out to your legislators by phone.

1. Call the Capitol Hill at 1-844-368-0294

2. You will be prompted to enter your zip code. After a 10 second message from Shot@Life, you will be asked to **press #1 to be connected with your first Senator, #2 to be connected to your second Senator, or #3 to be connected with your representative in the House.** You can call through the system multiple times to reach all three.

3. 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:

- 🗣️ I represent the Shot@Life campaign in your [STATE/DISTRICT]. The campaign is part of the UN Foundation and educates, connects, and empowers Americans to champion global vaccines as one of the most cost-effective investments the U.S. government can make to save the lives of children in developing countries.
- 🗣️ Vaccines against diseases like polio and measles are one of the most cost-effective ways to save the lives of children in developing countries. However, despite significant progress, one in five children still lacks access to lifesaving immunizations.
- 🗣️ 30 years ago, polio paralyzed over 1,000 kids each day. Thanks to the polio vaccine, cases have dropped by 99.9%. However, a few countries still fight this deadly disease, and momentum must be sustained to achieve global eradication.

5. State the “ask”:

For Fiscal Year 2019, fully fund U.S. government global vaccine activities:

- **\$235 million for Polio eradication (level funding from FY18)**, including:
 - **\$176 million for CDC** through the Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee
 - **\$59 million for USAID** through the State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Approps. Subcomm.
- **\$50 million for CDC measles elimination (level funding from FY17)**, through Labor-HHS Approps. Subcomm.
- **\$290 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance (level funding from FY18 levels)**, through SFOPS
- **\$132.5 million for UNICEF (level funding from FY18)**, through SFOPS.



6. Ask if the staffer requires any follow-up information. Most Congressional offices track phone calls by area code. Some may ask for your name, some may not.

7. You may also ask if the member has a current stance on global vaccines, global health, or foreign aid. Request a reply with a response indicating the member's position on the matter.

8. Thank the staffer for his or her time and record your advocacy action on the Champion Community website or email us at champions@shotatlife.org

After Hours Calls

1. Call Capitol Hill at 1-844-368-0294. If you are unable to connect with your offices through the switchboard, find the contact information for your Senators at bit.ly/2HGbRkR and your House representative at bit.ly/2HUN5uZ.

2. Deliver your voicemail:

"Hello, my name is [NAME]. I'm a constituent from [INSERT YOUR STATE], zip code [INSERT YOUR ZIP CODE] and I represent Shot@Life in your state. We are advocating for robust U.S. support for global childhood immunization programs and I strongly encourage [SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE NAME] to support global immunization programs through USAID and CDC in the FY19 budget. Thank you for your hard work!"