

HOW TO CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS

Calling your legislators is a great way to advocate for our causes directly! To make the biggest impact, join us on our national call-in day leading into World Immunization Week on Tuesday, April 27, when Champions across the country will also be calling into offices.

If you aren't able to join us on the call-in day, you can call anytime during the month of April using the following information.

Instructions:

1. Call Capitol Hill at **202-902-6614**. Using this number allows us to track your efforts!
2. You will either be prompted to enter your zip code to be connected to your representatives, or you will be connected to an operator and can ask for your representatives by name. If you don't know your House member, you can look them up here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>
3. Once you are connected to the representative's office, 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 (available on the A2V website), summarized below:
 - a. I represent the Shot@Life campaign in [your district/your state]. The campaign is a 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 low-income countries.
 - b. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of vaccinations, jeopardizing decades of child immunization progress.
5. State the "asks"
 1. **For the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) bill, fully fund U.S. government global vaccine activities:**
 1. Labor-HHS-Appropriations Subcommittee
 1. \$271.2 million for CDC Global Immunization Division
 - a) \$211.2 million for CDC/GID polio eradication activities
 - b) \$60 million for CDC/GID measles elimination programs
 2. State and Foreign Operations (SFOPS) Appropriations Subcommittee
 - a. \$65 million for USAID polio eradication efforts
 - b. \$290 million for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance
 - c. \$134 million for UNICEF
 - d. \$119 million for WHO (assessed contributions)
 2. **Please show your support for global immunization programs on social media:**

1. With World Immunization Week taking place April 24-30, especially during this historic time, we would greatly appreciate a sign of support from your office via social media.
2. You should have received a social media toolkit from Brian Massa, Global Health Advocacy Director with the Shot@Life campaign with some pre-drafted messages in your email inbox, or you can access them via **bit.ly/wiwmoc2021**. Feel free to also reach out to Brian at bmassa@betterworldcampaign.org.
6. Ask if the staffer requires any follow-up information.
7. You may also ask if the member has a current stance on global vaccines, global health, or foreign aid. Request a response indicating the member's position on this matter.
8. If the office gets back to you with a specific appropriations request form, please let us know and we will help fill it out.
9. Report your action using the reporting form at shotatlife.org/report

If your call is not answered, don't worry. You can leave a message with the following script below! Be prepared that they *may* call you back.

Hi, my name is ____ and I'm a constituent of Sen/Rep _____. I'm calling today to talk about global childhood immunization programs and why Sen/Rep _____ should support fully funding U.S. government global vaccine activities in FY22. The COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of vaccinations, jeopardizing decades of childhood immunization progress. This means supporting global health systems like USAID, UNICEF, Gavi, and the CDC is more important now than ever. If you have any questions or would like the specific amounts for these requests, please give me a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX. Thank you.