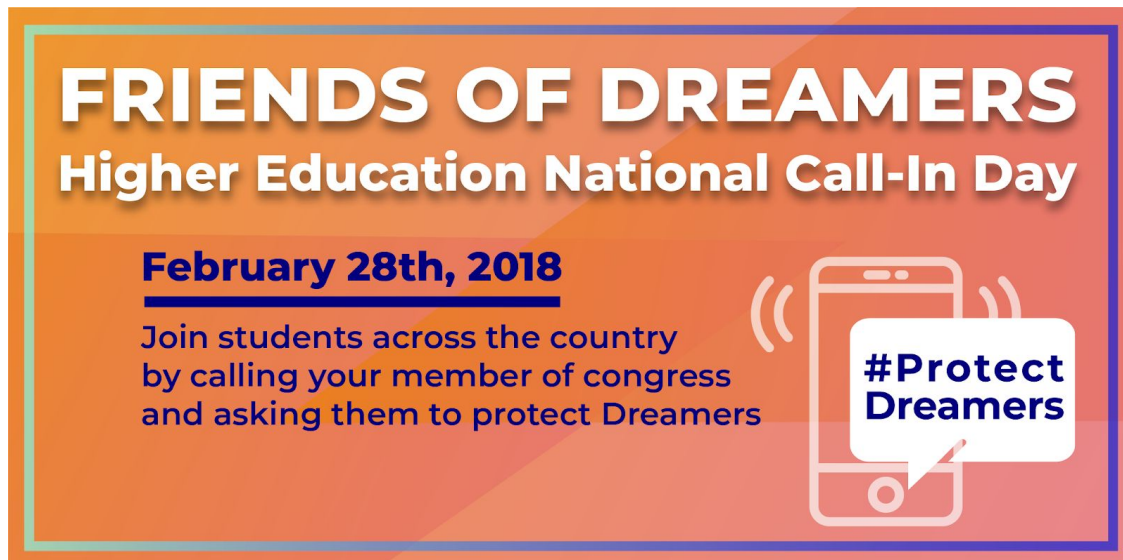


Friends of Dreamers Higher Education National Call-In Day

Phone Bank Toolkit - February 28, 2018

Thanks for signing up to participate in the Friends of Dreamers National Call-In Day! On February 28th, friends of Dreamers at colleges and universities across the country are coming together to call Congress and urge them act swiftly and pass legislation before March 5th. Below is all the information you need to set up a successful phone bank on campus where students, faculty, and staff can stop by to call Congress and advocate for Dreamers on your campus. We all know that Dreamers are an integral part of our communities, so it's time for us to step up as allies and do everything in our power to make sure they can stay and graduate with us. Start by:

1. Showing that you are participating by [joining the Facebook event!](#)
2. Inviting your friends at other schools to host phone banks on February 28th. [They can sign up here!](#)



This toolkit will cover:

- I. How to set up your Friends of Dreamers phone bank
- II. Recruiting participants
- III. Identifying your elected officials
- IV. What to expect when you call Congress
- V. Call script for phone bank participants
- VI. Tips on using social media to amplify your actions

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ali Procopio (ali@fwd.us).

How to set up your Friends of Dreamers phone bank

- ❑ **Reserve a room** or other on-campus space for your phone bank on February 28th. *Calls will be the most impactful during Washington, DC's business hours (9-5:30 EST), but you will also be able to leave messages after hours if you are on the west coast or call local offices.*
- ❑ **Print out a sign-in sheet** to track the number of participants and number of calls made. ([Check out this template.](#)) We'll ask you to report these numbers back to us so that we get a full picture of the impact of this day of action! Don't forget to ask participants to sign in and out after they have made their calls!
- ❑ **Write out or print large posters** with the phone numbers for your senators and representative(s). More information on finding those numbers below.
- ❑ **Secure volunteers** to staff your phone bank.

Recruiting participants

- ❑ **Partner with other student organizations** to increase the number of student participants.
- ❑ **Invite faculty and staff allies** to stop by and make calls.
- ❑ **Flyer** around campus.
- ❑ **Create a graphic and post** on social media.
- ❑ **Provide baked goods, pizza, or other goodies** to entice students and other participants to come make calls.

Identifying your elected officials

To make calling Congress easy for your phone bank participants, we recommend writing out the numbers for your senators and representative(s) on large posters and hanging them up in your phone bank room.

- Each state has two U.S. senators. You can find the phone numbers for their DC offices by [searching here](#).
- Each congressional district has one elected federal representative. If your college or university spans more than one congressional district, you may have more than one representative you can call. You can find the representative(s) for your school by [entering the zip code here](#).

We also recommend setting up a station where students and other participants can look up the senators and representative from their home district. This way, you can make even more calls to protect Dreamers! A good way to do this is to dedicate a volunteer to manning this station and keeping the sites linked above open on two tabs to allow people to search for their elected officials.

What to expect when you call Congress

When students call into members of Congress' offices they will likely end up talking to an intern who is about their age. The goal in calling is to leave a message with whoever answers the phone. That message will be shared with the member of Congress at a later point.

It's possible that the person who answers the phone will ask a few questions of whoever is calling. Most likely they will ask the caller's name and zip code to ensure that they are a constituent. They may also ask for the caller's address so that they can send a response from the member of Congress' office.

Call script for phone bank participants

Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME] and I'm a student/faculty member/staff member at [SCHOOL]. I'm calling because I have friends/students on campus with me who are Dreamers and I want to urge the Senator/Representative to act soon and support a bipartisan bill to protect Dreamers without harmful cuts to legal immigration and without harming immigrants. After March 5th, thousands of Dreamers a week are going to lose their status and I don't want my friends/students to have to leave school after they've worked so hard. This is really important to me.

Some notes:

- If you are calling the senator or representative from your home district, make sure you let them know you are from their district!
- Feel free to add more details about why this issue or your friends/students are important to you!

Tips on using social media to amplify your actions

We want to make sure everyone knows that colleges and universities are mobilizing on February 28th to stand up for Dreamers. Feel free to [use this graphic](#) to post on social media in advance of the day of action, but also take photos of students making calls and share those on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on February 28th! Use the hashtags #FriendsofDreamers, #ProtectDreamers, and #WithDreamers.

Sample tweet: [SCHOOL/STUDENT GROUP] is excited to join students and allies across the country in calling Congress on February 28th and asking them to #ProtectDreamers. We're proud to be #FriendsofDreamers and know how much they contribute to our campus.