

Sample Phone Script

Hello, I am (your name), a constituent in Representative/Senator _____'s district.

I am calling to speak with Representative/Senator _____ on behalf of Community Action and the policy items we would like addressed.

- I ask that you support increased funding for child care subsidies for low income working families. Community Action Agencies support the Winning Beginning NY's budget request for an initial investment of \$100 million which would assist at least 13,000 new child care slots for working families.
- Community Action Agencies are providers of Head Start programs and advocates for increasing school readiness of young children. I ask that you support an additional \$150 million for upfront funding for Statewide Universal high-quality full-day Pre-K.
- I ask that New York State increase the availability of safe, affordable housing in urban and rural communities and to provide resources to expand the availability of supported housing for low income people.
- I ask that you vote in support of legislation supports the Independent Democratic Conference (IDC) in calling for the implementation of a statewide Family Leave Insurance Program (FLI).
- I support the state to increase funding for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBES) to provide a consistent and streamlined approach for certification.
- Lastly, I support the Governor's proposal to increase the minimum wage; however we ask that be increased higher and it index to inflation.

Thank you for your hard work.