

## #RescindTheRule Call Congress Day Script

### Who you should call:

1. We ask that you make the following calls:
  - a. Call the member of the House of Representatives who represents your home district.
  - b. Call both senators from your home state. And, if you are a student, call the senators who represent the state your institution is located in.
2. If you are able to
  - a. Call members of the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Judiciary committees as they will ultimately have jurisdiction here
  - b. Call Members of the [House](#) and [Senate](#) Judiciary subcommittees

### Contact information

- Find [House of Representatives phone numbers](#) here
- Find [U.S. Senate phone numbers](#) here

### Script

Hello! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a constituent of Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_'s district.  
[be ready to give address and/or zip code to verify constituency - not all offices will ask for this but some will]

I am calling today to state my opposition to the recent ruling from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that requires international students on F-1 and M-1 visas taking online courses in the Fall to either transfer to universities that offer in-person instruction or leave the United States. I do not believe that the administration should be using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to enforce xenophobic policies and force international students to choose between continuing their education and maintaining their health. Additionally, many students do not have the ability to avoid deportation by traveling back to their [our] home countries due to COVID-19-related travel restrictions.

[insert personal story if relevant - either about your own experience as an international student or as an advocate for international students]

This ICE ruling will have immeasurable impacts on our institutions of higher education, our biomedical research laboratories, our national economy, and most importantly our international student communities.

Can I count on Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_'s office to work in opposition of this ruling?

**If yes:** Thank you so much for your support.

**If no:** That is very disappointing to hear.

- **If you feel comfortable:** ask why they are in opposition, ask for follow-up communication from their office.
- **If you want to end the conversation:** Thank you for your time, and I hope you will reconsider the impact that this ruling will have on our international student communities and across all of our institutions of higher education.

**If unclear/undecided:** Thank you for your time, and I hope to have your support in opposing the ruling.

- **If you feel comfortable:** ask for follow-up communication once a decision is made.