

CALL SCRIPT

You can contact your House Representative or Senators by phone by calling the Capitol Switchboard. Simply call the number below, give the operator your zip code, and he/she will connect you with your elected officials' office. Should you need assistance, here are some suggested talking points to use when calling your elected officials.

Make sure to call during off-duty time, using your own phone, and make it clear that you are calling as a constituent.

U.S. Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121

- Hello, my name is _____ from _____ (city/state).
 - I am calling you today to let you know that I am very concerned about the potential impact of the Super Committees' cuts to the federal workforce.
 - As a constituent who works for the federal government, I know the valuable work that civilian federal workers do for America each and every day, and I know that this country cannot function properly without those services.
 - At the ***[LIST YOUR AGENCY]***, we are responsible for ***[LIST YOUR JOB DUTIES]***. As you can see, the American people rely on the work of federal employees, and we deliver.
 - Federal workers understand that everyone needs to share the burden of our current economic condition, but slashing federal employees' benefits, starving agencies of the resources and personnel they need to complete their missions and depriving employees of the pensions they have earned is a bad idea. Federal pensions today are half of what they used to be under the previous retirement system, averaging just \$12,780 a year.
 - Please understand that federal employees are committed to serving the American people every day. We want to go to work and provide the critical services that our neighbors and communities count on.
 - I am asking CONGRESSMAN/SENATOR _____ to stand with federal workers and come to an agreement that protects benefits and gives agencies the funding they need.
 - Thank you for your time.
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