

# Call-In 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.

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

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

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- Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ (city/state).
- I am calling you today to let you know that I am very concerned about proposals to extend the two-year federal pay freeze and slash retirement benefits as a “pay-for” for the payroll tax cut extension.
- 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 adequately function 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 the services we deliver.
- Federal workers understand that reducing the national deficit requires shared sacrifice, but slashing federal employees’ benefits and starving agencies of the resources and personnel they need to complete their missions 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.
- Federal employees are already under a two year pay freeze. Freezing the salaries of nearly 2 million federal workers even longer will hurt more than just federal workers and their families - it will hold back the economic recovery.
- We are in favor of extending the payroll tax cut, however we believe it is unfair to target federal workers for further cuts when they have already sacrificed immensely to reduce the deficit.
- I am asking CONGRESSMAN/SENATOR \_\_\_\_\_ to stand with federal workers and oppose any proposal that uses federal employees pay and benefits as an offset for the payroll tax cut extension.
- Thank you for your time.

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