

- 1. Call Capitol Hill at **1-855-466-4862.** Using this number allows us to track your efforts! You will need to dial this number 3x to make 3 separate calls to each of your Members of Congress.
- 2. You will either be prompted to enter your zip code to be connected to your elected official, or you will be connected to an operator and can ask for your Members of Congress by name. If you don't know who your House Representative is, you can look it up here. If you don't know who your Senators are, you can look it up here. You may be asked to enter the number TWO to reach the House of Representatives or the number ONE to reach the Senate.
- 3. Once you are connected to the elected official's office, tell the staff member who answers the phone that you have an opinion on the appropriations package regarding foreign aid (State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs) and ask to leave it for the Member of Congress.
- 4. Keep in mind calls should only last a few minutes! Deliver your talking points/script, summarized below.
- 5. Ask if your Members of Congress plan to support funding for the U.N. and request a response indicating the member's position on this matter.
- You may also ask if the staffer requires any follow-up information. Please let us know by emailing Maria Amalla (Grassroots Advocacy Manager) at mamalla@unfoundation.org

If your call is not answered, don't worry. You can leave a message! Be prepared that they may call you back.

For any questions, please email Maria Amalla at mamalla@unfoundation.org

SCENARIO A: IF YOU ARE CONNECTED LIVE TO A STAFFER

Hi, my name is [**Your Name**], and I'm a constituent and voter from [**zip code**] How are you?

I'm a member of the United Nations Association of the USA, a grassroots movement of Americans supporting the U.N.'s work. Today, I'm calling because the House and Senate must compromise and negotiate a bipartisan spending bill that fully funds the United Nations regular budget and pays down our peacekeeping arrears.

I am asking [Your Member of Congress' Name] to support the funding levels proposed by the Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) bill for FY'24. We must maintain the United States' vote in the U.N. General Assembly and not turn our backs on millions who look to U.N. programs for food, health, and education.

[INSERT SHORT PERSONAL REASONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE UN]

You know your Members of Congress and district best. Consider what makes your community unique and how that might motivate your elected officials' decision-making process. Below select <u>1-2 facts (fact</u> <u>sheet here) or from the 2023 Congressional Briefing Book</u> to support the ask.

[WAIT FOR RESPONSE, IF ANY]

Thanks for the opportunity to share my opinion. The best email to reach me is **[Your Email]**. I look forward to receiving your response!

SCENARIO B: IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE A VOICEMAIL

Pro-Tip: Feel free to customize and shorten your message if your call goes to voicemail.

Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent and voter from [zip code]. I'm also a member of the United Nations Association of the USA, a grassroots movement of Americans that support the work of the U.N. Today, I'm calling to ask [Your Member of Congress' Name] to support the funding levels proposed by the Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPS) bill for FY'24.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my opinion. I hope [**Your Member of Congress' Name**] supports full U.N. funding and paying back our peacekeeping arrears, and I look forward to receiving a response. You can reach me at [**Your Phone Number**] and [**Your Email**].