**SAMPLE CALL SCRIPT**

for calling elected leaders

Join leaders from across sectors and our nation to turn up the heat on local and national policymakers and ask them to accelerate just and equitable ambitious climate action. The following is sample call script to help.

*Remember:*

* You have great influence as a constituent from your community to persuade your elected officials to bring forward ambitious and just climate solutions
* Climate solutions cannot wait, and policymakers need to be reminded that action on solutions must happen immediately

**STEPS**

1. Take a few minutes to research your elected officials. If they have supported climate solutions, make sure to thank them. If they sit on a relevant committee, mention this.
2. Customize the call script (the highlighted sections), below, to include:
	1. Your name and years living in the district, relevant district and elected official info
	2. Personalized thank you for the call
	3. Gratitude for the elected official’s climate leadership, where applicable
	4. Relevant climate impacts
	5. Your contact information (optional)
3. After finding and calling your Representative, send a follow up note (use the script as a template)

**TIPS AND WHAT TO EXPECT**

* If you don’t get voicemail, you will almost always get a staffer. This is still progress! Staffers are keeping track of constituency concerns and taking notes of specific requests.
* They will talk about what the elected has done on the issue. Please listen and acknowledge. Thank them for leadership and ask for greater ambition, now.
* They may ask which bill you are calling about. Let them know you want to see ambitious and just climate solutions brought forward immediately. This includes rapidly transitioning away from fossil fuels in ways that are just and equitable. If there is a particular bill you would like them to support, note this too.

**CALL SCRIPT - Live w/ Staffer**

Highlighted sections indicate where you can customize. Be prepared to leave a voicemail (see alt script below).

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have lived in the [district/state] for \_\_\_\_ years. May I please speak with the staff person who handles Environmental Policy?

(Reintroduce yourself to the staffer and thank them for their time/willingness to listen and/or leadership on this issue if applicable.)

I’m calling today as a concerned resident and to share that I and Americans nationwide know that this is our moment for climate action. I ask that (Congressperson/Senator) look around and see the ways climate change is impacting our community, and that (he/she/they) prioritize ambitious and just action on solutions.

I care about our changing climate because I see the impacts [insert your personal story, e.g. severe storms, worsening allergies, and increased food prices] are having on my family and community. And it’s not just our community, either. Did you know that 75% of Americans now say they are personally concerned about climate change? And 96% of us believe we have a right to live in a healthy environment with clean air and water (ecoAmerica, 2022 and 2021). I can follow up with links to the studies!

We need to solve the climate emergency, not just keep treating the symptoms. I am asking that the [Congressperson/Senator] support initiatives that:

1. Cut carbon emissions in half each decade going forward;

2. Restore thriving nature, in part to remove carbon from the atmosphere, and;

3. Prioritize environmental justice. Climate solutions must build equity, and can actively work against systems of oppression and racism.

And, I am asking that [Congressperson/Senator] helps to bring forward these solutions now because we simply cannot wait any longer. I personally have committed to cutting my climate pollution in half, and am telling my story in my community to inspire further action.

I would appreciate keeping in touch on this issue. What is a good email to follow up? Happy to help you move this issue forward. Thank you! Mine is \_\_\_\_\_\_. Thanks again for your time.

**VOICEMAIL SCRIPT**

Hello (Congressperson/Senator) my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and I have lived in the [district/state] for \_\_\_\_ years.

I’m calling today as a concerned resident and to share that I and Americans nationwide know that this is our moment for climate action. I ask that you look around and see the ways climate change is impacting our community.

I care about our changing climate because I see the impacts [insert your personal story, e.g. severe storms, worsening allergies, and increased food prices] are having on my family and community.

ecoAmerica’s research also shows that 75% of Americans now say they are personally concerned about climate change. And 96% of us believe we have a right to live in a healthy environment with clean air and water.

We need to solve the climate emergency. I am asking you to support initiatives that: 1. Cut carbon emissions in half each decade going forward 2. Restore thriving nature, and 3. Prioritize environmental justice.

Please help bring forward these solutions now, because we simply cannot wait any longer.

I would appreciate keeping in touch and happy to help you move this issue forward. My email is \_\_\_\_\_\_. Thanks for your time.