

Calling Your Senators

One of the best tools for advocates to make their message heard is to directly call their Senator's office. We hope to flood the Senate with calls to include investments for child care in the budget reconciliation package, and your voice is needed.

- If you know the phone number for your Senator's office, you can call them directly.
- If you do not know the number for you Senator, you can call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and request to be connected to your Senator.

Phone Script:

If calling your Senator's office directly:

- Hello, I'm (your name), a constituent of (Senator's Name) from (your city, your state).
- I'm calling because I am very concerned that child care is not included in the budget reconciliation package.
- Families and child care providers alike are in crisis, and we are being left behind.
 - (Include a personal story: How are you impacted by the child care crisis?)
- Child care needs support. It's the only way many people can go to work and support their families. And yet, in every single state in the country, the average price to send two children to center-based child care is more expensive than rent. We need Congress to Act.
- I urge the Senator to fight to include child care in the reconciliation package. Thank you.

If calling the switchboard, (202) 224-3121:

Hello, I'm trying to reach the office of (insert Senator's name). Can you connect me?

Once connected to your Senator's office:

- Hello, I'm (your name), a constituent of (Senator's Name) from (your city, your state).
- I'm calling because I am very concerned that child care is not included in the budget reconciliation package.
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For any questions, please contact <u>takeaction@usa.childcareaware.org.</u>