Script and Templates

Who should I call, write, email, or tweet?

- Senators on the Foreign Relations Committee, which plays a role in influencing the Biden Administration’s foreign policy and general approach toward other countries: https://www.foreign.senate.gov/about/members

- U.S. Representatives on the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee: https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/members

- Call your elected officials in your state/district.

  ⇒ List of Senators: https://www.senate.gov/senators/index.htm
  ⇒ List of Representatives: https://www.house.gov/representatives

Call Script

My name is __________________. I am a [social worker/student/professor/researcher] at [organization/institution]. I live in__________, I am calling to ask Representative/Senator __________to urge President Biden to respond to the rising global COVID-19 vaccine apartheid that will threaten human rights, health equity, and social and economic justice, both in the United States and around the world.

1. While the recent U.S. vaccine commitment of 500 million doses and the G7 commitment of 1 billion doses of vaccines is very promising, we can do more to end the global vaccine apartheid.

2. The world needs about 10 billion vaccines. The U.S. should take the moral leadership to prioritize hard-hit areas and work for direct and immediate bilateral vaccine support, especially given the persistent COVAX setbacks and delays.

3. I urge the Representative/Senator to ask President Biden to support a comprehensive World Trade Organization waiver for vaccine patents and technologies associated with the vaccines.

4. President Biden should also compel pharmaceutical companies to share their vaccine technology so the world can share the hope of a future free from COVID.

The virus does not recognize borders—no one is safe until we all are. Ending the global vaccine apartheid will protect all Americans and everyone in the world.

Thank you for your time!