

Make Your Voice Heard in the Resistance!

CAN IMMIGRANTS AND NONCITIZENS VOICE THEIR CONCERNS TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

Yes. You. Can!

- The US Constitution ensures equal representation for all individuals living in the United States, regardless of income, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, or immigration status. Noncitizens, though they may lack the right to vote in federal elections, have the right to have their voices heard by their representatives in Congress.
- While we encourage non-citizens to participate to the extent that they are able, individuals should only take actions that they are comfortable taking, and they should consider their particular set of circumstances before engaging in any of these activities.
- Individuals are under no obligation to provide any personally identifiable information to a member of Congress or their staff. Individuals may be asked for their name and zip code, but this is only to confirm that the person is a constituent, and providing this information is strictly voluntary. NO ONE is required to provide any additional information, such as address, social security number, or immigration status.

Resources for Action:

Indivisible Guide: A comprehensive guide of daily action items, as well as updates on what's going on in the resistance movement nationally and in your local area, put together by a group of former Congressional staffers. Sign up for their newsletter or like them on Facebook and/or follow them on Twitter to get instant notifications.

indivisibleguide.com

Democracy Action SF: A local group comprised of mostly San Francisco Hillary supporters organizing to fight Trump policies and support elected officials who are aligned with progressive values. There is up to date information about upcoming phone banks, rallies, protests, etc.

facebook.com/groups/DemocracyActionSF

What To Do This Week: Weekly Action Checklist for Democrats, Independents, and Republicans of Conscience: A blog that outlines clear action items on a national level that you can do from home to support freedom and equality for all Americans.

jenniferhofmann.com/home/weekly-action-checklist-democrats-independents-republicans-conscience

ASK YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO OPPOSE THE MUSLIM AND REFUGEE BAN

Members of congress have powerful tools to delay and stop legislation and they should be using them. If your Senator has taken a stance against the Muslim and refugee bans, that's great—but you can ask them to do more. Call them. Tell them your story and why it's important to you to oppose the ban. Personal stories matter.

U.S. SENATORS

Dianne Feinstein (D - CA)
Washington D.C.: (202) 224-3841
www.feinstein.senate.gov

Kamala D. Harris (D - CA)
Washington D.C.: (202) 224-3553
www.harris.senate.gov

SF REPRESENTATIVES TO U.S. HOUSE

Nancy Pelosi (D-CA 12th District)
Washington D.C.: (202) 225-4965
www.pelosi.house.gov

Jackie Speier (D-CA 14th District)
Washington D.C.: (202) 225-3531
www.speier.house.gov

Republican Members of Congress who Oppose Trump Policies:

Calling your California representatives is important, but it's very likely that they already share your point of view on the immigration ban. Since, the Republicans have the majority both in the House and Senate, it is nearly impossible to stop Trump without the help of Republican congressional members.

These may be representatives that you strongly disagree with on several major issues but, in this case, it is important to call their offices and tell them you ARE in support of their opposition to the immigration executive order. The more phone calls they get in their support, the more likely they are to continue their opposition.

- Rep. Charlie Dent (R-Pa.): 202-225-6411
- Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.): 202-225-3831
- Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA): 202-225-5816
- Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY): 202-225-4611
- Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA): 202-225-4276
- Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL): 202-225-3931
- Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-FL): 202-225-2778
- Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA): 202-225-5136
- Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.): (202) 224-4224
- Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME): (202) 224-2523
- Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.): (202) 224-4521
- Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz): (202) 224-2235
- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC): (202) 224-5972
- Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) (202) 224-3353
- Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT) (202) 224-5251
- Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN): (202) 224-3344
- Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN): (202) 224-4944

U.S. JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEADS FOR IMMIGRATION ISSUES

Several Republicans also head the House and Senate Judicial Committees on Immigration which set policy and greatly influence U.S. immigration guidelines.

Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Washington D.C.: (202) 224-3744
Des Moines: (515) 288-1145
www.grassley.senate.gov

Bob Goodlatte (R-VA)
Washington D.C.: (202) 225-5431
Harrisonburg: (540) 432-6593
www.goodlatte.house.gov

DON'T WAIT: CALL YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS NOW!

Tips for Calling a Member of Congress:

- I. Prepare a single question per call. You and your group should all agree to call in on one specific issue that day. The question should be about a live issue — e.g., a vote that is coming up, a chance to take a stand, or some other time sensitive opportunity. The next day or week, pick another issue, and call again on that.

- II. Find out who you're talking to. In general, the staffer who answers the phone will be an intern, a staff assistant, or some other very junior staffer in the member of congress' office. But you want to talk to the legislative staffer who covers the issue you're calling about. There are two ways to do this:
 - A. Ask to speak to the staffer who handles the issue (immigration, health care, etc.). Junior staff are usually directed to not tell you who this is, and just take down your comment instead.
 - B. On a different day, call and ask whoever answers the phone, "Hi, can you confirm the name of the staffer who covers [immigration/health care/ etc.]?" Staff will generally tell you the name. Say "Thanks!" and hang up. Ask for the staffer by name when you call back next time.

- III. If you're directed to voicemail, follow up with email (all members of congress have their email addresses posted on their website). Then follow up again. Getting more-senior legislative staff on the phone is tough. The junior staffer will probably just tell you "I checked, and she's not at her desk right now, but would you like to leave a voicemail?" Go ahead and leave a voicemail, but don't expect a call back. Instead, after you leave that voicemail, follow up with an email to the staffer. If they still don't respond, follow up again. If they still don't respond, let the world know (through Facebook posts and Tweets, etc.) that the member of congress' office is dodging you!

SAMPLE CALL DIALOGUE with a Member of Congress' Office

Caller: Hi, my name is _____ and I'm a constituent of Representative _____ / Senator _____. I'm calling about President Trump's Executive Order to halt refugee admissions and ban citizens from several Muslim countries from entering the U.S. [Add any personal story or connection you have in relation to this issue. Personal stories grab their attention!]

Staffer: Thank you for calling! I will be sure to get that message to the representative.

Caller: Good. I'm calling to see if Rep. _____ / Senator _____ plans to publicly oppose Trump's decision to sign this executive order? [If there are any questions, reiterate your concerns.] Yes, please express to Rep. _____ / Sen. _____ that Trump's executive order doesn't represent America's values, and that I am asking him/her to take a principled, public stand against this kind of intolerance.

Staffer: The Senator hasn't taken a position on procedural issues. But he has made a strong statement objecting to the Executive Order.

Caller: There's no reason that the Senate/House should be conducting business as usual when Trump is blatantly violating the constitution and families are being ripped apart. I expect him/her to act NOW to uphold our values by taking every step he can to stop this Executive Order.

Staffer: Okay, thank you. I will definitely pass your message along.

Caller: Thank you so much for your time.

References: This handout was adapted from the Indivisible Guide:

<https://www.indivisibleguide.com/resources-2/2017/1/31/emergency-call-stand-against-the-muslim-and-refugee-ban> and a February 3rd, 2017 email communication from San Francisco for Hillary, written by Alec Bash.