



LIRS PHONE SCRIPT: APRIL 2-6, 2018, WEEK OF ACTION

In September 2017, the Administration announced the U.S. would reduce refugee arrivals to 45,000 individuals for the 2018 fiscal year, the lowest allocation in the history of our nation's resettlement program. We are at the mid-year mark of FY18 and the U.S. has welcomed fewer than 10,000 refugees.

Since World War II, the U.S. has been the global leader in offering refuge to people escaping persecution, war or violence in their home country. We know the U.S. is capable of doing more and call on our national leaders to hold the Administration accountable to resettling at least 45,000 refugees in FY18 and commit to resettling at least 75,000 refugees in FY 2019.

Call Your Senators and Representatives: 202-224-3121

Call this line three times to be connected with your one Representative and two Senators. A switchboard operator will connect you directly with the Senate or House office you request. If you do not know the name of your Senators and/or Representatives, you can enter your zip code using the form at the bottom of this page. After submitting the form, your list of Senators and Representatives will appear.

Sample Phone Message:

- *Hello, my name is (Insert Name). I am a constituent and live in (Insert City, State).*
- *I am calling to express my support for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.*
- *I support the resettling of 45,000 refugees in the U.S as the Administration committed to for 2018.*
- *I am deeply concerned that, as a country, we are not on track to meet this number and as of March 19, 2018 have only admitted 9,675 refugees.*
- *Since WWII, the U.S. has been a global leader in offering refuge to those escaping persecution, war, or violence in their home country.*
- *We cannot turn our backs on them. My community welcomes refugees and wants to help them.*
- *Communities of faith nationwide strongly support resettling 45,000 refugees in the U.S.*
- *I encourage (Member's Name) to stand up for what is right and protect this life-saving humanitarian program.*
- *Thank you.*

Make It Personal!

If you feel comfortable, share a personal story about why helping and welcoming refugees is important to you (your faith, your community, your business, your family or background, etc.). Let them know the specific ways that refugees are welcomed into your community, congregations, and why refugee protection is so important to you.