



SCRIPT (AVAILABLE AT PROGRESSIVEMASS.COM/SCA-CALL-SCRIPT)

To be used in conjunction with the online script/reporting form PROGMA.US/2017_07scacall

“Hello, I’m calling to find out if REP / SEN is doing everything s/he can to help pass the Safe Communities Act. It’s really important to me, and other members of the community, that REP / SEN not only support the bill, but actively fights for it.

<<< IF KNOWN S/HE’S SUPPORTIVE: I’d like to thank REP / SEN for the support so far and also >>>

I’d like to ask you (AIDE) about other ways s/he might be working to support Safe Communities. (START Qs BELOW)

A. MAIN QUESTIONS / GOAL: Push Legislator to DO MORE; indicate, with your call, that you are paying attention and will continue to do so. Collect valuable information for the Coalition, so we can advocate better

1. **HAS REP/SEN signed on as COSPONSOR to the bill, or does s/he plan to cosponsor?**
 [Yes] [Would support with some changes] [Needs more info] [Opposes bill]
 * **IF YES: CONT. TO Q2. IF “WANTS CHANGES” OR INFO: GO TO SECTION B. IF OPPOSE: GO TO SECTION C**
2. **HAS REP/SEN submitted testimony in favor of the bill to the Joint Committee?** (IF YES, ask for copy of the testimony to be emailed to you!) [YES] [NO]
3. **WILL REP/SEN sign the new DEAR COLLEAGUE introduced this week?** [YES] [NO]
4. **Will REP/SEN commit to asking his or her colleagues to cosponsor/support the bill?** [YES] [NO]
5. **Has or will REP/SEN meet with leadership to urge them to take action on the bill?** [YES] [NO]

B. LEGISLATOR HAS QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS / GOAL: Gather information about the nature of his/her concerns, so we know how to advocate. Illustrate your commitment by following up with an in-person meeting (in district), where you and, ideally, a few other advocates, can continue to educate and persuade the legislator.

1. **What are the Legislator’s objections, concerns?** (Take notes)
2. Can I set up an **in-district meeting** so we can talk about this in person and in depth?

C. LEGISLATOR IS ACTIVELY OPPOSED / GOAL: Fact-finding on specific objections, showing your commitment to SCA and scheduling a meeting for substantive conversation.

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE: “I continue to be disappointed that REP/SEN is not supporting SCA. I’d like to hear his/her reasons. Can you explain to me now, and can I schedule an IN DISTRICT MEETING to discuss in more detail later?”

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 (we will help you! (your legislator owes you in-depth explanation, and an oppo for you to keep working to change their mind)

^ GO THRU SEQUENCE A-C FOR BOTH REP AND SEN. **RECORD YOUR CALL ONLINE! PROGMA.US/2017_07scacall**

CONFIRMATION MESSAGE: Thank you again for taking this time--while it can feel repetitive, it is absolutely imperative we sustain the outreach. **Asking others** to make their first (or third! Or 10th!) call for SCA helps amplify all of our work.

Please share this link: progma.us/2017_07scacall and keep up the good fight!

And, If you are actively organizing in your community--or want to start-- **join our Organizers’ Call for SCA on July 18**, with an update from **MIRA** and State **Sen. Eldridge** (lead sponsor in Sen).

ORGANIZERS’ CALL:
progressivemass.com/2017_07sca
 --please share!



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ORGANIZING FOR SAFE COMMUNITIES
 JULY 18, 2017 - TUESDAY - 7PM
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 you'll receive alerts for the next organizing call

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