

TIP SHEET:

Contacting Your Elected Officials

- Leave a voicemail. If the voicemail is full, press "0." This typically will connect you with a receptionist who can take a message or transfer you.
- Call and email your elected officials even if you support their stance. Positive reinforcement will go a long way.
- Send this advocacy toolkit to a friend or peer with an elected official who is undecided or anti-gun reform.
- Call the direct office of your elected official.
- Personalize your message: mass-written emails and petitions often get filtered out by spam.
- Only contact the elected officials of your state (calling elected officials in other states/regions will not be influential as they do not represent you)
- Keep the message polite, short, and concise.
- Make a reminder system to call/email individuals. For example:
 - For Mondays, create a calendar event to Call Congress and set it to repeat weekly.
 - For Wednesdays, create a calendar event to Call Your State Representatives and set it to repeat weekly.
 - For Friday, create a calendar event to Call Your Governor and set it to repeat weekly.