

Federal Lobbying Script

Script Background: This script was used in Arizona to encourage AZ voters to call Senator Sinema's offices and demand that she support ending the filibuster in order to move forward with the progressive agenda on bills like HR1/S1, HR51/S51, raising the minimum wage, and others. While the script is longer than is normal for a one-ask script, the details were necessary here in order for the phone bankers to have a full conversation with the voters and to provide enough talking points for the phone bankers to choose from.

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Script:

Hello! Can I please speak with [VOTER FIRST NAME]?

Hi! This is [VOLUNTEER FIRST NAME], I'm a volunteer with Indivisible Action.

Republicans in the state legislature in Arizona have introduced more voter suppression bills than anywhere else in the country: 19 to be exact. Some of these anti-Democratic proposals include limiting or eliminating no-excuse absentee ballots, making it harder to obtain an absentee ballot, imposing stricter ID requirements, and even giving the legislature the right to pick presidential electors despite election results and the will of the people. It's a crisis.

A federal bill in the U.S. Senate — S.1, or the For the People Act — would fight back against these state-level attacks on our democracy by limiting the influence of big money in politics, making voting easier and more secure, ending partisan gerrymandering, and would give the public more information about who is lobbying our government. The For the People Act is popular, too — 67% of all Americans support it. Americans want to see it pass. But Republicans know that free and fair elections would affect their ability to be elected in the future. They know the only way they can win is through voter suppression and intimidation.

Americans across the country voted like never before, and secured a Democratic trifecta in the House, Senate, and the White House. They did so because they believe in the promises that Democrats ran on in 2020. They EXPECT Democrats to follow through on those promises and deliver on the issues voters care about and told them they would fix.

I'm calling you today because Senator Sinema is standing in the way of its passage. While Senator Sinema is a supporter of the bill, she is not a supporter of eliminating the filibuster, an outdated Senate rule that requires 60 votes to ensure a bill's passage. The For the People Act has no path to 60 votes in the Senate because of Republican obstructionism, so as long as the

legislative filibuster remains in place — a procedural hurdle that's not in the Constitution and that has been used to stop Civil Rights legislation — we have no hope for passage.

While Senator Sinema continues to double down on her opposition to eliminating the filibuster and passing the For the People Act, our democracy is at risk. Americans are 100% behind the Democrats' plan. A plan that can help us WIN now and in future elections, and make real change on issues like voting rights, immigration reform, the minimum wage, and so much more. We know the Republicans will do everything in their power to block these plans, and Senator Sinema is a Democrat whose vote could potentially help the Republicans achieve their goal of stymieing any chance of Democracy Reform and protecting voter's rights. Democrats need to act now, because we may not get another chance to do so. We need Senator Sinema to support these big ideas for a better future, but right now she is standing in the way of the bold changes we want to see become a reality. Arizonans put Senator Sinema in office to enact change, change that could help her and Senator Kelly keep their seats in the future. Both of their wins were narrow, due to GOP gerrymandering, and the For the People Act is the way to ensure they can retain their seats through free and fair future elections.

Survey Question: Would you have a few minutes right now to call Senator Sinema's office and ask for her support for eliminating the filibuster so we can pass the For the People Act? She needs to hear from constituents like you, and contacting her office is a quick and easy way to make your voice heard!

[If YES] Wonderful, I'm so glad to hear it!

You can dial 1-877-847-4809 to be connected to Senator Sinema's office. When you dial that number, you'll hear a recording with some tips on what to say when you're connected to the office. Once you're connected, you will either reach a staffer, or an answering machine -- but your message can be the same either way! Make sure to say your name, and where you're calling from, so the office knows that you're a constituent.

Again, the phone number to call is 1-877-847-4809 -- you may want to write it down so you can dial once we're off the phone. Do you have any questions I can help with?

(Listen to their concerns and respond to the best of your ability, addressing questions such as who will likely answer the phone, or how long the process will take. If you don't know the answer, it is ok to say you don't know.)

Thanks for speaking with me! Have a great day and stay healthy.

(Politely end the call.)

[If MAYBE/UNSURE] I understand, not a problem! Are there any questions I can answer about the process?

(Listen to their concerns and respond to the best of your ability, addressing questions such as who will likely answer the phone, or how long the process will take. If you don't know the answer, it is ok to say you don't know.)

If you have time later or change your mind, you can always call 1-877-847-4809. You may want to copy that number down so you have it in the future. And if you want to learn more about raising the minimum wage or any of the policies being discussed in Congress right now, check out: indivisible.org.

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(Politely end the call.)

[If NO] Got it, thanks for your time! Have a great day and stay healthy.
(Politely end the call.)