

# Redistricting Advocacy Script

**Script Background:** This script was used in Illinois by groups to encourage voters to call their senators and ask them to vote yes on S1, which was on the floor of the Senate. Redistricting scripts will vary depending on the redistricting process in the state. Some have independent commissions, while in others the legislature draws and approves maps.

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**Script:**

Hello, is \_\_\_\_\_ available? Hi \_\_\_\_\_, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a volunteer with (Indivisible Group Name), a local Indivisible group. We're reaching out to you today about an important bill moving through Congress right now.

I'm calling because our congressional district might change this year because it's the official time to do congressional redistricting. We want our district to make sense geographically, but when the politicians draw up new maps, they often draw districts into weird shapes so they can favor a particular party. It's called gerrymandering, and it's not fair to any of us voters.

There's a bill in Congress right now to outlaw gerrymandering, called S 1. It also makes voting easier, modernizes voter registration, and fixes our election financing problems. It just passed the House of Representatives, but we need it to pass the Senate without major parts of it being watered down.

**Survey Question: Will you contact both of your senators today and ask them to vote YES on S1? It takes less than 5 minutes to do, and your call will help make voting fairer and easier for the whole country.**

[If YES] Great! Our senators are Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin. Duckworth's number is (202) 224-2854. Durbin's number is (217) 492-4062.

Even if they do not pick up, be sure to leave a message, as they must track and record all messages from constituents.

[If MAYBE] I understand. How about I give you the number just in case you decide to give them a call? (Provide the senators' names and numbers).

[If NO] I understand. I do hope you'll reconsider. May I give you the number to call in case you do? (If they say yes, provide the senators' names and numbers.)

Duckworth DC office: (202) 224-2854  
Durbin Springfield office: (217) 492-4062

Thanks so much for taking the time to chat with me today. Be sure to make those calls and let your senators know that you want to see S1 passed and enacted BEFORE redistricting begins.

Thanks, and have a great day!