“Hello, my name is (your name) and I am calling today to speak to (member of Congress’s name) about the importance of supporting the override of the Executive Order banning entry into the United States from seven countries. (Now the person on the phone will likely say that they can pass on your message. They may ask for your name and zip code)

As you know, the Executive Order signed by President Trump on Friday, January 27th has stopped people from Yemen, Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Syria and Somalia from entering the United States. This Executive Order cannot be viewed as morally or ethically justified.

The United States is viewed as a country which respects freedom and provides equal opportunities to all, irrespective of religion. It is a country where students from all around the world aspire to come in, for it is the place to be in, to learn and to grow. This order dents the American leadership in the fields of higher education and research. This decision directly creates an institutional barrier that hurts our country, and how we are viewed globally. Above all, it hurts our strides towards fostering innovation, and pushing the boundaries of knowledge. It hurts the advancement of mankind.

Currently, over 15,000 academics have signed a petition requesting this Executive Order be overridden.

As an example that these people continue to improve our economic and academic endeavors

• For every 2 international students enrolled, 1 U.S. job is created or supported.
• International students contributed more than $30.5 billion to the U.S. economy in SY 2014-15
• With this ban, the United State is losing the opportunity to attract high caliber academics from all over the world
• Almost 5% of students enrolled in higher education in the United States are International Students

(After engaging the congressman/woman about why the issue is important, tell them what they can do to help.)

I am calling to urge [Congressman/woman’s name] to:

• Vote to override the Executive Order by supporting SB 210 (when calling a Senator’s office)
• Support the override of the Executive Order
• State your support for the override of the Executive Order banning people from these countries to enter the United State

Thank you for your time today and I hope that we can count on you to consider a legislative override of
the Executive Order on restricted immigration.