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Virtual Phone Banking

Deported Military Veterans Packet











Agenda

Welcome and Introduction *Volunteers introduce themselves via chat* 9:00 am - 9:05 am

Call Role Play What to do if you 1. Get a 'Yes', 2. Get a 'No', 3. Have to leave a voicemail 9:05 am - 9:10 am

Distribution of call sheet and explain the log-in of calls *Excel link*, https://bit.ly/3a8ldTh
9:10 am -9:13 am

Virtual Phone Banking 9:15 am -9:20 am

Closing 9:20 am - 9:30 am

Steps

- 1. Find your Senators and representatives, https://bit.ly/3mIZnL7
- 2. Open call list, https://bit.ly/3a8ldTh
- 3. Make call (designated)
- 4. If call is answered:

Suggestions:

If you live in that congressional district you can announce yourself as a constituent.

If you do not live in that congressional district you can follow the introduction below so the staffer can take and log in your call. Announce you are calling on behalf of Veterans For Peace which is a national organization with chapters in every state. (This indicates that who ever answers has to accept speaking to you if you are not a constituent).

Sample calling script,

My name is [NAME] and I am calling from Veterans for Peace and the Leave No One Behind Mural Project. VFP is a National organization with chapters in every state. The Leave No One Behind Mural Project is a binational campaign to repatriate migrants who have faced deportation from the US and have exclusive links to the country.

I am calling to ask you to support Senator Duckworth's request for an Executive Order to repatriate Deported Veterans and co-sponsor the New Way Forward Act, H.R. 5386, which would dismantle the harmful policies that unjustly criminalize, incarcerate, deport, and separate immigrant families. The bill would bring much needed relief and repair to the communities of color that have been disproportionately harmed by our nation's immigration and criminal laws.

It's time to envision our communities free of mass criminalization and deportation. We must root out deep, systemic problems of racism and xenophobia that permeate our immigration and criminal legal system.

I urge you and this office to stand on the right side of history, take action today and cosponsor the New Way Forward Act!

Possible outcome from call:

If you receive a 'Yes' in support of deported veterans,

get email address to forward about information of the project and an invitation to the April 20th DC installation which will take place in the morning.

Can I have your email address to send you full event details and confirm your participation.

If you receive a 'No',

State the following:

It's disappointing that the (congressman/woman / senator) office does not support veterans. I invite you to reconsider and think of the lives of those who served the country and were wrongfully expelled and their families, specially US born citizen children.

For more information, please visit our campaign website, https://leavenoonebehindmuralproject.org

Have a good day.

5. If call is sent to voicemail:

Simply leave the following message:

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Thank you.

6. Log-in call, https://bit.ly/3a8ldTh

Other information

About the campaign:

We are a coalition of deported and returned immigrants who are fighting for the opportunity to reunite with our families and communities in the U.S.

Our coalition includes deported veterans, DACA recipients, childhood arrivals, permanent residents and their families. All have experienced the pain of family separation. Many were caught in the criminal legal system, incarcerated, and due to outdated immigration laws, doubled-punished with deportation even after serving their sentence.

As Congress debates changes to the immigration system and President Biden attempts to undo the harm caused by the Trump administration. We demand for people who have been deported or forced to return to be included.

Stories to consider:

<u>Alex</u> is a deported veteran who has been separated from his family for 10 yrs. A marijuana conviction sent him to prison and later transferred to ICE to be deported. Alex continues to fight to be able to return to his family in the U.S.

Jiji has been separated from his family in the U.S. for 9 years. He is a veteran that suffered from substance abuse. When he needed support, he received incarceration and deportation. He is currently in India, still fighting to return to his family.