

## CALL TO ACTION #5: Oppose Department of Health and Human Services Funding Cuts

*A leaked proposal from the Office of Management and Budget reveals that the current administration plans to cut funding for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) by over 30%. This would eliminate vital public health programs, including HIV/AIDS prevention and mental health services.*

**Background:** Drastic budget cuts threaten the health of all Americans, jeopardizing agencies like the FDA, CDC, and NIH. Layoffs of 10,000 HHS employees have already occurred, impacting senior meal distribution and programs aiding low-income households.

Congress must oppose these harmful cuts and call on HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to halt this pointless and cruel reorganization.

**Script:** Hi, my name is **[NAME]** and I'm a constituent from **[CITY]**.

I'm calling to demand that **[REP/SENATOR NAME]** vocally oppose the recent staff and program cuts to the Department of Health and Human Services. These cuts endanger everything from infectious disease control and cancer research to essential programs like Head Start and Meals on Wheels. **[REP/SENATOR NAME]** must also demand that Secretary Kennedy attend congressional hearings to explain the reasoning behind these dangerous changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

*IF LEAVING VOICEMAIL: Include your full street address to ensure your call is tallied.*

**Who do I contact?** Senator Duckworth's office: 202-224-2854 (D.C.) or 312-886-3506 (Chicago)  
Senator Durbin's office: 202-224-2152 (D.C.) or 312-353-4952 (Chicago)  
Find Your House Representative here:  
<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

**What kind of action is this?** *Phone call*

**How long will this take?** *10 minutes*