CALLING YOUR REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATOR
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They are really just like you

Easiest call is to your district representatives
● First: Do some Research
● Check their key issues
● Know their Committee assignments
● Know their past history (years of service, leadership roles, web sites)

Know your groups Mission, Vision or Goal
Words are important: Senior, Older Adult, Elder

Know the Purpose of your call
● Ask them to vote a certain way
● Educate them on an issue
● Become a trusted source
● Invite them to a meeting or offer some resources
● To get them to respond to your message

Make the contact
● Introduce yourself and who you are calling for
● Concisely state your issue or concern
● Explain why it is important to you
● TELL YOUR STORY
● Listen carefully to their response, questions, concerns

If you want a YES vote: tell them what the problem is that needs to be solved
Explain how your proposal will solve the problem (be the solution)

If you want a NO vote: Explain what it would do and why it will not solve any problems and may even make things worse

Other calls that could be made
● Committee members
● Any member before Second Reading

Ways to make contact
● Personal visit
● Phone Call (Capitol Office, Home, Cell)
● Leave a message
● Text
● Mail
● E-mail
● One of their meetings