

Sample Phone Script for Calling Policymakers

This template is offered as a guide for calling [your own legislators](#) and other [key legislators](#) in the NC General Assembly. Please edit this to personalize it, and feel free to use the [talking points](#) in the Worthy Wages Campaign Toolkit. Remember, sharing your own personal story about how this is impacting you and your community is always the most effective way to communicate with policymakers.

A few tips:

- Make it personal: Why do you want your Senator or Representative to support increased workforce compensation now?
- Allow response time: The person you are calling will likely be receiving many calls throughout the day. Speak from experience to make your call memorable, have a conversation.
- Include a call to action: Make sure they know why you're calling.

Items that are highlighted are where you should add in your own information and must be changed.

Hi, my name is [NAME] and I live in [YOUR TOWN/COUNTY]. I'm calling to ask you to support increased compensation for early educators. Child care teachers are the workforce behind the workforce and have been on the frontlines of the pandemic since day one. Yet they remain underpaid and undervalued for their important work to support young children, working families, and our state's economy.

[INSERT QUICK DETAIL ABOUT YOUR CONCERN FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE AS A TEACHER, PROVIDER, PARENT, OR COMMUNITY MEMBER]

Professional compensation and benefits are urgently needed to attract and retain a high-quality early childhood workforce, stabilize child care programs, and improve access to high-quality early learning opportunities for young children in all 100 counties.

- [If negative reaction] I hope you reconsider. Your constituents need high-quality early learning opportunities, which is not possible without a qualified and compensated workforce. Without higher compensation, the teachers caring for North Carolina's future workers, innovators, and leaders simply can't afford to stay in the classroom any longer.
- [If positive reaction] Thank you for listening. I hope you'll continue pushing for increased compensation for the early childhood workforce.