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noun

on behalf of somebody (also **in behalf of somebody** *AmE*)

1) REPRESENT

instead of someone, or as their representative:

She asked the doctor to speak to her parents on her behalf.

On behalf of everyone here, may I wish you a very happy retirement.

2) BECAUSE

because of or for someone:

Oh, don't go to any trouble on my behalf.

Word origin

Date: 1300–1400

Origin: *by half* 'on (someone's) side'

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