

Thank for volunteering your time to call government officials! Ending excessive force is an important issue and we need everyone's support. Below is a sample script to get you started:

-----

Hello,

My name is [First Name] and I am calling you today to demand action and accountability for the systemic use of excessive force by our police departments.

Data from Campaign Zero shows that implementing eight specific policies can decrease police violence by 72%:

1. Ban chokeholds and strangleholds.
2. Require de-escalation.
3. Require warnings before shooting.
4. Exhaust all other means before shooting.
5. Require officers to intervene when colleagues use excessive force.
6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles.
7. Require a use-of-force continuum.
8. Require comprehensive reporting.

These policy actions are common sense and easy to implement. They reflect an understanding that excessive force is unacceptable. I demand that they are implemented immediately.

Ultimately, we have to recognize that excessive force victims are disproportionately African American. We have to work to educate ourselves about the institutional racism faced by African Americans in our communities. We must recognize that Black Lives Matter. We must practice anti-racism and demand anti-racist action from our leaders.

Thank You.