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Virtual Lobby Day Script

**On Tuesday, June 13, 2017
Call Your Members of Congress
(800/826-3688)**

On June 13, 2017, more than 400 Bread for the World advocates from across the country will be in Washington, D.C., urging Congress to making funding decisions that will end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. You can help amplify their voices by taking a few minutes to call your members of Congress that day.

Calling your members of Congress is quick and easy. Here are some tips for a successful call as well as a virtual lobby day script to help guide your conversations with congressional offices.

Conducting a Successful Call

- Introduce yourself and where you're calling from. The office will want to know your zip code to make sure you're a constituent!
- Congressional staff take hundreds of calls a day. Make your points clearly and succinctly.
- Remember, you're not expected to be an expert. Share your concerns clearly and briefly and then follow up with an email or letter if you wish to share additional resources with the office.

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- Hi, my name is _____ and I'm calling from _____ as part of Bread for the World's lobby day. My zip code is _____.
- I urge Senator _____ /Representative _____ to:
 - Oppose any budget cuts that would increase hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Worldwide, nearly 800 million people are hungry, including 20 million at risk of starvation in Africa and the Middle East due to famine.
 - Fully fund domestic safety-net and international development programs that end hunger and poverty. This includes providing at least \$60 billion for international affairs in the fiscal year 2018 budget and adequately funding programs like SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, and summer EBT.
 - Oppose harmful structural changes to SNAP, Medicaid, and international development assistance.
- Thank you for relaying my message to Senator _____ /Representative _____.

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