

American Engagement Caucus

Sample E-mail

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Dear Representative [insert last name]:

I am writing to encourage you to join the newly-formed American Engagement Caucus. This caucus will provide a valuable forum for you and your colleagues to discuss how the United States can most effectively work with other nations and international institutions to resolve the most important global problems. Since the United States can neither ignore today's many transnational challenges nor solve them acting alone, it is imperative that we assess how best to engage with our international partners and multilateral organizations.

The American Engagement Caucus can help stimulate new ideas and policies for effective international collaboration. It will aim to do so by assessing the pros and cons of working with international and regional organizations like the United Nations, the African Union, and the European Union. It will also seek to better educate lawmakers about the benefits and difficulties of international cooperation, identify strategies for strengthening collective action, and address global issues such as climate change, peacekeeping, and arms control.

I strongly urge you to join and actively participate in this important new member organization. To join the American Engagement Caucus, or to get additional information, contact Jeremy Haldeman in Congressman Russ Carnahan's office (at 225.2671 or jeremy.haldeman@mail.house.gov) or Dang Nguyen in Congressman Cao's office (at 225.6636 or dang.nguyen@mail.house.gov).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

[insert name]

Sample Phone Script

To have the most impact, follow up your e-mail by calling your Representative. Simply dial 202.224.3121 and ask to be connected.

"Hi, my name is _____, I'm a constituent of the Congressman's/Congresswoman's from _____.

"I'm calling to urge the Congressman/Congresswoman to join the new American Engagement Caucus.

“This is important to me because the United States can’t solve pressing international concerns like climate change and terrorism by acting alone. We need to be able to work effectively with international partners, including the United Nations.

“The American Engagement Caucus will provide a valuable forum for legislators to discuss how the United States can most effectively work with other nations and international institutions to resolve the most important global problems. The Caucus will seek to stimulate new ideas and policies for effective international collaboration by assessing the pros and cons of working with international and regional organizations like the United Nations, the African Union, and the European Union.

“I can give you the names of who you should contact to join the American Engagement Caucus: Jeremy Haldeman in Congressman Russ Carnahan’s office (at 225.2671 or jeremy.haldeman@mail.house.gov) or Dang Nguyen in Congressman Cao’s office (at 225.6636 or dang.nguyen@mail.house.gov).

“Thank you for your time and for passing on my message to the Congressman.”