



## “Campus Free-Speech” Legislation Phone Script

Use the script below when contacting your legislators about “campus free-speech” legislation. Find your legislator contact information with this tool:

[https://openstates.org/find\\_your\\_legislator/](https://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/)

Hi, this is [your name].

I’m a faculty member at [name of institution], a resident of [name of your town], a regular voter, and one of your constituents in legislative district [district number].

I oppose [bill number] and I urge you to vote against this bill when it comes for a vote. As a dedicated educator and public servant, I am deeply committed to my students and to the advancement of the public good.

This legislation has no place on our campuses.

*Colleges and universities should decide the policies that are best for their campuses, not legislators or others outside the campus community.*

Legislative interference with campus policy is unnecessary and undermines the institutional autonomy of public colleges and universities. Where there are free-speech issues on campus, they can be addressed locally—not by statewide legislative measures.

*Furthermore, this is a solution in search of a problem and it distracts from critical campus issues of health, safety, and equity.*

At a time when public higher education funding is being slashed in states across the country, when students and faculty face deep economic inequality, when resources for mental health services are scarce, when sexual harassment is persistent on our campuses, we need to be investing our time and resources in serving students and faculty, not directing resources to an unnecessary bureaucracy installed to monitor the false problem of free speech.

*As an educator and your constituent, I strongly urge you to vote against this bill.*

*Thank you for your time.*