How to Reach out to Elected Officials

1. Add them to your contacts so you can reach out easily:
    a. US President: 1-202-456-1111 (open between 11 AM and 3 PM EST)
    b. US Senator Rick Scott: 1-202-224-5274
    c. US Senator Ashley Moody: 1-202-224-3041
    d. US Representative Maria Salazar (Representative for the Church's Address): 1-202-225-3931 (local office 305-668-2285)
    e. Florida Governor: 1-850-717-9337
    f. To find your Florida Representative and Florida Senator click here & enter your address: http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/sections/representatives/myrepresentative.aspx. Your representative will come up right away and it will tell you your State Senate district number. Then click on the link to locate the Senator who represents your district. Add them to your phone contacts.
    g. Miami Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava: 305-375-5071 or mayor@miamidade.gov
    h. To find your county commissioner enter your address here: https://www.miamidade.gov/global/government/commission/home.page
    i. Check your city's website for your mayor & commissioners' contact information. For Coral Gables see here: https://www.coralgables.com/department/city-commission/contacts

Any time you hear something in the news you oppose, pick up the phone and call these numbers … you now have them on speed dial! Elected officials (correctly) assume that if you call there are several more constituents who feel the same way. [Pro tip: If you are nervous about talking to a staffer, call outside of business hours and leave a message.]

4-step script for contacting your representative:

1. **Give your name, city, and zip code.** That way, they can quickly confirm you are their constituent. (It's less effective to call someone who is not your representative)
2. **Remind them you are a Christian and go to church**
3. **State the issue, state your position**. "I am opposed to _____." "I am in favor of _____." It's not a test and you don't have to justify your stance. Remember, your representatives work for you, not the other way around.
4. **Be nice**! The people answering the phones are often junior staffers and are often not paid very well. Thank them for their work.

What does this sound like?

"Hi, my name is Louise, I'm a constituent from South Miami, zip code 33143. I am an active member of Coral Gables Congregational Church. I am opposed to permitless carry and ask the Senator to please keep her constituents safe from gun violence. Thanks for your hard work answering the phones!"