

# Conversion Therapy Ban Bill Call Script

## Step 1: Find Your State Representative

1. Go to [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com)
2. Enter your residential address and click the Show my results button to find your elected officials.
3. Scroll down to the District Representatives section of the Results page to find your state Representative's name. Click on their name to view their official web page with their contact information. Make a note of their phone number and email address.

## Step 2: Call Your Representative's Office

1. Using the phone number you collected, call your Representative's office.
2. Ask for your Representative. You will most likely speak to a legislative aide or staff person.
3. Introduce yourself as their constituent.
4. Explain that you are calling in honor of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of marriage equality in Massachusetts and the *International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia*, and that you are asking for their support of H. 1190 by asking the House Committee on Ways and Means to release the bill with a favorable report, as well as asking Speaker DeLeo to make this a priority issue before the end of session.
5. Thank them for taking the time out of their schedule to speak with you

## Step 3: Follow up with your Representative, and let us know how it went.

### Sample Call Script

"Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am a constituent of Representative \_\_\_\_\_. Is the Representative in today? (If not, ask to speak to someone who works in their office)

I am calling you today in honor of May 17<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of marriage equality in Massachusetts and the *International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia*. As your constituent, I am asking you to help protect LGBTQ youth in Massachusetts by supporting **H. 1190, *An Act relative to abusive practices to change sexual orientation and gender identity in minors***, also known as the **Conversion Therapy Ban bill**. This bill would prohibit state licensed mental health professionals from subjecting individuals below the age of 18 to conversion therapy practices to change sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

**Would the Representative commit to asking the House Committee on Ways and Means to release the bill with a favorable report, as well as ask Speaker DeLeo to make this a priority issue before the end of session?**

*If the aide says yes:*

- Thank you! I really appreciate Representative \_\_\_\_\_'s support of this bill. Please let me know if you need any further information about this bill. (You can refer to the fact sheet and answer their questions, or say that you will email them with the answer to questions you are unsure about.)

*If the aide says yes and that they have already spoken with the House Committee on Ways and Means:*

- Thank you! I really appreciate Representative \_\_\_\_\_'s support of this bill.

*If the aide says they need to check with their boss:*

- I have a fact sheet that I would like to email to you about this bill.
- Thank you for your attention to this matter. When is a good time for me to check back about where you stand after reading the fact sheet and what action you are taking on this bill?

*If the aide says no:*

- Thank you for your time. I would like to email you a fact sheet about this bill, and would like to meet with you (if you are speaking to the Representative) Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about this bill.
- When is a good time for me to check back about where you stand after reading the fact sheet and what action you are taking on this bill?

Don't forget to follow up by sending the [Conversion Therapy Ban Bill Fact Sheet](#) to the legislator via email. Please also let MassEquality know how your conversation with the Representative or their aide went and what happened. You can send an email to [info@massequality.org](mailto:info@massequality.org) with this information, or call us at 617-878-2300.