

You: Hello, my name is ____ (your name) __. I'm a constituent of Representative _____ from ____ (home town) _____. Could I please speak to his Chief of Staff or the Legislative Assistant who handles Foreign Relations?

Congressional Office: *"Hi, this is XXXX, how can I help you?" or "That person is unavailable, may I take a message"*

You: My name is ____ (your name) __ a constituent from ____ (home town) _____. I'm calling to ask that the Representative _____ support Congressman Boyle's resolution H.Res.88, expressing the opposition of the US House of Representatives to any imposition of a hard border in Ireland.

As an Irish American and member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians I am very concerned that the repartitioning of Ireland would have seriously undermine the cause of peace in Ireland, a peace which the United States played a major role. The people of Northern Ireland overwhelmingly rejected Brexit, but due to the lack of progress in ratifying an agreement are now facing the prospect of disproportionately bearing the consequences of Brexit. A hard border in Ireland threatens the bridges of trust and cooperation that have been built in the twenty years since the signing of the Good Friday agreement. The peace, prosperity and security of Ireland should not be sacrificed for Brexit.

Congressional Office: *"I will let the Congressman/Congresswoman know that we talked and advise him/her of your interest."*

You: Thank you for your time. I hope that Representative _____ will support H.R. 88 and send a clear message that the United States is actively interested in the cause of continued peace in Ireland. May I get your email so that I can follow up with you on this issue? Thank you again.