Keeping Girls in School Act

Follow these easy steps to contact the offices of your members of Congress (moCs) on the phone:

1. Call the Capitol Hill main line (202-224-3121), and ask to be connected to one of your moCs, or use the Girl Up Advocacy app to find the direct number to their office.

2. The front office will answer the phone. Tell the staff member who answers the phone that you have an opinion on international issues, specifically girls’ education, that you would like to share with the member of Congress, and ask if you can leave that opinion with the staffer.

3. Deliver your talking points:
   - Investing in adolescent girls is one of the best ways to address the many social and economic challenges facing our world today.
   - There are many barriers that keep more than 130 million girls ages 6-17 globally who should be in school from enrolling, attending, and graduating such as child marriage, safety in and on the way to school, and harmful social norms that prioritize boys’ education over that of girls’.
   - The Keeping Girls in School Act, which will be re-introduced in early March, brings critical attention to the barriers girls face in accessing education, particularly those barriers faced at the secondary level, a time when adolescent girls are most at risk of dropping out of school. Choices made in adolescence have life-long consequences. A girl who is able to remain in a quality educational setting and complete secondary school is much more likely to be empowered than her uneducated peer.
   - I believe every girl deserves the chance at an education because... [SAY WHY YOU CARE!] I attend at [SCHOOL NAME] and having access to quality education means that... [WHAT DOES YOUR EDUCATION MEAN TO YOU?]. With these points in mind, I ask for [MoC NAME]’s leadership on this issue by cosponsoring the bill when it is introduced.

4. Ask if s/he requires any follow-up information on this issue. Most Congressional offices track phone calls by area code. Some may ask for your name and address as well.

5. Thank the staffer for his or her time. Hang up. You’re almost done... but not quite yet.

6. Let us know! This is just as important as your call. Share with us by filling out a report in the Girl Up Community!

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