

## Sample Script for Phone Call:

Hello, Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in *your town*.  
First, I want to thank you for your work to protect and assist your constituents during the pandemic.

I believe that quality healthcare should be available to all. As such, I am calling to ask that you...

- *for senators*: support Senate Bill 402 (“Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap”).
- *for representatives*: support House Bill 470 (“Medicaid Expansion”).

*Additional ask for those who already support*: Thank you for your dedication to closing the coverage gap, and I urge you to reach out to others across the aisle to seek bipartisan support.

Personal story: I am a *mother/teacher/your religious affiliation/etc.* and *1-2 sentences on personal importance.*

The American Rescue Plan has provided an additional \$1.7 billion in federal funds to support Medicaid expansion– cutting in half the cost to North Carolinians. I want to add that:

### ***Use 1-2 points below that you feel are pertinent for your member:***

- Currently, more than 600,000 working North Carolinians are unable to pay for private insurance but are not eligible for Medicaid. Many of those citizens form the backbone of our economy: our essential workers. Many others have lost jobs and have lost employer-sponsored health insurance.
- Covering the gap means that NC families living on low wages have more protection from medical debt and bankruptcy.
- Medicaid expansion would help increase urgent funding to reduce maternal mortality in the state by allowing coverage for new mothers through the first 12 months postpartum.
- *Identify county specific impacts from this [report](#).*
- Our rural areas have been especially hard hit, and these North Carolinians need access to health care, medication, and treatment, as well as help for substance abuse and chronic conditions like diabetes.
  - Support for rural hospitals and health-care related services are critical sources of employment for those in rural areas.
  - Tens of thousands of full- and part-time jobs would be created in all sectors, including health-related jobs, construction, retail, professional jobs, and state or local government.

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Is there anything else I can do to help support you further in this vital work?

Thank you for your time. I will follow up with you through *your preferred method of communication*.