Sample telephone script for Senate outreach EPA/NEEA

(Ask if it is possible to speak to the person who handles appropriations issues related to the environment. It may not be; that is fine.)

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. I am a resident of [state] calling [on behalf of, if appropriate] to urge Senator XXXXX to sign on to a Dear Colleague Letter in support of important appropriations for environmental education grants at EPA.

Senator Gillibrand is circulating a letter in support of programs authorized by the National Environmental Education Act. These environmental education grants are small but critical investments that provide significant returns for our communities and the local environment.

[if applicable, provide a description of the funding provided to your organization or within your state through an EPA grant. Find details on awarded grants by state here: https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants.]

Environmental education is critical for [state]. It provides non-regulatory solutions to complex problems, engages students in real-world learning, and supports a healthy quality of life.

I’d like to email Senator Gillibrand’s letter and some background on the National Environmental Education Act to your office. Should I send these materials directly to you or is there another person I should contact?

Thank you again for your time.