

PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S VOICE - SCRIPTS

1. Constituent Call Script (60–90 Seconds)

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm a constituent from _____.

I'm calling because I'm concerned about proposals that would make it easier for the federal government to approve projects affecting historic places **without giving local communities a meaningful voice.**

Americans deserve to know what's being proposed in their communities, to share their knowledge about places that matter, and to help solve problems **before—not after—historic places are permanently harmed.**

For nearly sixty years, **the protections provided by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act** have made that possible by bringing communities, Tribal Nations, local governments, property owners, and federal agencies together to identify concerns early and find practical solutions.

I'm asking **Senator/Congressman/Congresswoman** _____ to oppose efforts to weaken those protections, including both the Administration's proposed regulations and any future legislation promoted as "streamlining," "permitting reform," or "modernization."

Weakening these protections won't make projects better or faster. It will reduce public participation, weaken Tribal consultation, increase conflict, create more litigation, and put historic places, sacred sites, burial grounds, and local landmarks at greater risk.

Historic preservation is also an economic issue. Historic places support tourism, strengthen local businesses, create jobs, attract investment, and preserve the character that makes our communities attractive places to live, work, and invest.

Please ask **Senator/Congressman/Congresswoman** _____ to defend the public's right to be heard, protect the protections provided by Section 106, and oppose any effort to weaken those protections through either regulation or legislation.

Thank you for your time.

2. Thirty-Second Version

Hello, my name is _____, and I'm a constituent from _____.

I'm calling because I believe local communities deserve a meaningful voice before the federal government approves projects that could permanently affect historic places.

For nearly sixty years, **the protections provided by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act** have ensured that communities, Tribal Nations, and local governments have that opportunity.

I'm asking **Senator/Congressman/Congresswoman** _____ to oppose efforts to weaken those protections through either the Administration's proposed regulations or future permitting reform legislation.

Weakening these protections will reduce public participation, weaken Tribal consultation, threaten America's historic places, and create more conflict—not less.

Please protect the public's voice and oppose efforts to weaken the protections provided by Section 106.

Thank you.

3. Twenty-Second Voicemail

Hello. My name is _____, and I'm a constituent from _____.

I'm calling because local communities deserve a meaningful voice before historic places are permanently affected by federal projects.

Please ask **Senator/Congressman/Congresswoman** _____ to oppose efforts to weaken **the protections provided by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**, whether through the Administration's proposed regulations or future permitting reform legislation.

Please protect the public's voice.

Thank you.

4. Email for Coalition Organizations

Protect the Public's Voice. Call Congress Today.

Should the federal government be able to approve projects affecting historic places without giving local communities, Tribal Nations, and the public a meaningful opportunity to be heard?

We don't think so.

For nearly sixty years, **the protections provided by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act** have ensured that communities have a voice before—not after—historic places are permanently affected. Those protections help identify problems early, encourage practical solutions, reduce conflict, and protect places that define our shared history.

Today, those protections are under attack.

The Administration has proposed regulations that would weaken public participation and Tribal consultation. Congress is also considering permitting reform proposals that could further erode these protections.

Please contact your Senators and Representative today and urge them to:

- **Protect the public's right to be heard before historic places are harmed.**
- **Oppose efforts to weaken the protections provided by Section 106**, whether through regulation or legislation.
- Reject proposals labeled "streamlining," "modernization," or "permitting reform" that diminish public participation or Tribal consultation.
- Protect the historic places that strengthen local economies, support tourism, create jobs, and tell America's story.

Historic places cannot be replaced once they are lost.

Your voice matters.

5. Three Things to Remember

When talking with neighbors, reporters, or elected officials, remember these three ideas:

Protect the Public's Voice.

Communities deserve to be heard before—not after—historic places are permanently harmed.

Good Process Creates Better Projects.

The protections provided by Section 106 help identify problems early, reduce conflict, avoid costly surprises, and produce better outcomes for everyone.

Historic Preservation Is an Investment.

Historic places support tourism, create jobs, attract investment, strengthen Main Streets, and preserve the character that makes communities attractive places to live and work.

6. Five Messages Everyone Can Remember

- **Protect the Public's Voice.**
- **Communities deserve a seat at the table before—not after—the bulldozers arrive.**
- **Good consultation prevents conflict. Bad process creates lawsuits.**
- **Historic preservation isn't just good history—it's good economics.**
- **Once historic places are gone, they're gone forever.**

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