

## DAYS OF ACTION PACKET

### Tuesday, October 24

**Subject line:** #RenewMIECHV Day 1: Call Your Members of Congress

#### **#RenewMIECHV Days of Action – Day One**

Dear Partner,

Thank you so much for your help to #RenewMIECHV! We need to make sure we keep up the pressure on Congress to pass bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes federal funding for home visiting for five years without a harmful state match.

As a part of our three days of action to renew the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, we encourage you to take a few minutes today to call your senators and representatives.

You can look up your [senators here](#) and your [representative here](#). It's also important to make calls to leadership in both the [House](#) and [Senate](#).

We've included some suggested things to say below. You can also take a look at our [talking points](#) for discussing the expiration and reauthorization of MIECHV. Thanks for calling Congress today. You can learn more at [homevisitingcoalition.com](http://homevisitingcoalition.com), and find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

– The Home Visiting Coalition

PS: Tomorrow we'll send some sample tweets and graphics so that you can tweet your [senators](#) and [representative](#) to remind them to #RenewMIECHV.

#### **Things to keep in mind:**

- Be polite and respectful to the person who answers the phone. They're likely an intern.
- In addition to your own members of Congress, take a moment to call [House](#) and [Senate](#) leadership.
- You may be asked for your zip code – this is how some offices keep track of constituent calls, and confirm that you are indeed a constituent.

#### **When calling your senators:**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to urge Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to renew federal funding for home visiting by supporting Senate bill 1829, bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program for five years without a harmful state match. It's been two weeks since inaction allowed the program to expire, and services and jobs are on the line. So, I'm asking Senator \_\_\_\_\_ do everything in his/her power to pass S. 1829 as soon as possible. The clock is ticking. Children and families across the country are counting on Senator \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her colleagues to pass federal funding for home visiting. Thank you.

#### **When calling your representative:**

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_. I'm calling to urge Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to renew federal funding for home visiting by supporting S. 1829, bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program for five years without a harmful state match. It's been two weeks since inaction allowed the program to expire, and jobs and services are on the line. So, I'm asking Representative \_\_\_\_\_ do everything in his/her power to pass this legislation as soon as possible. The clock is ticking. Children and families across the country are counting on Representative \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her colleagues to pass federal funding for home visiting. Thank you.

## **Wednesday, October 25**

**Subject line:** #RenewMIECHV Day 2: Tweet @ Your Members of Congress

### **#RenewMIECHV Days of Action – Day Two**

Dear Partner,

Thank you so much for your help to #RenewMIECHV and for taking time yesterday to call your members of Congress!

For the second day of our three days of action to renew the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, we encourage you to take a few moments to tweet at your member of Congress.

You can look up Twitter handles of [senators here](#) and [representatives here](#). We also encourage you to tweet at Congressional leadership. You can find [House leadership](#) here and [Senate leadership](#) here.

We've included some sample tweets you can use below. You can also use one of the graphics we've prepared. Take a look at those [here](#).

Thanks for tweeting at Congress today. You can learn more at [homevisitingcoalition.com](http://homevisitingcoalition.com), and find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

– The Home Visiting Coalition

P.S. Tomorrow we'll pass along template emails for you to remind your [senators](#) and [representative](#) to #RenewMIECHV, and close out our days of action on a high note.

### **Things to keep in mind:**

- Use #RenewMIECHV to help us track tweets and show strength in numbers.
- Be sure to tag your member of Congress in the tweet. You can look up Twitter handles of [senators here](#) and [representatives here](#).

### **Sample tweets:**

Dear [@memberofcongress](#) children & families are counting on you to #renewMIECHV now.

Federal home visiting funding expired 2 weeks ago. [@memberofcongress](#) #RenewMIECHV now.

MIECHV is good for families, good for states & good for taxpayers. What are we waiting for?  
[@memberofcongress](#) #renewMIECHV

Every second Congress waits to #RenewMIECHV is a second closer to lost jobs & lost services.  
[@memberofcongress](#) act now!

The clock is ticking! [@memberofcongress](#) Please support bipartisan legislation to  
#RenewMIECHV now.

*[Take a look here](#) to see if your senators have already sponsored S. 1829. If they have, consider thanking them with this tweet:*

Thank you [@memberofcongress](#) for co-sponsoring S. 1829 to #renewMIECHV! Ask your colleagues to join you.

*If they haven't, ask them to do so with this tweet:*

Dear [@memberofcongress](#) please co-sponsor S. 1829, bipartisan legislation to #renewMIECHV for 5 years, now.

## **Thursday, October 26**

**Subject line:** #RenewMIECHV Day 3: Email Your Members of Congress

### **#RenewMIECHV Days of Action – Day Three**

Dear Partner,

Thank you so much for your help to #RenewMIECHV and for taking time yesterday to tweet at your members of Congress! We are so grateful for the time you've spent this week to let Congress know they must pass bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes federal funding for home visiting for five years without a harmful state match.

For the third and final day of our three days of action to renew the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, we invite you to send an email to your [senators](#) and your [representative](#), as well as [House](#) and [Senate](#) leadership.

Below, we've included a sample email that you can copy and paste. If you are a parent who has benefited from home visiting, we encourage you to add details about your personal story and the impact home visiting has had on your family.

Thanks again for all your help this week.

– The Home Visiting Coalition

P.S. Don't forget to visit us at [homevisitingcoalition.com](http://homevisitingcoalition.com), and to find us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

**Things to keep in mind:**

- In addition to your own members of Congress, take a moment to call [House](#) and [Senate](#) leadership.
- If you have personal experience with home visiting, please consider including it in your message.

**When emailing your senators:**

**Subject line:** Support S. 1829 to Renew MIECHV – your constituents are counting on you

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm writing to urge you to renew federal funding for home visiting by supporting Senate bill 1829, bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program for five years without a harmful state match.

It's been two weeks since inaction allowed the program to expire, and jobs and services are on the line.

Please do everything in your power to pass this legislation as soon as possible. The clock is ticking. Every second that Congress waits is a second closer to lost services and lost jobs.

Children and families across the country are counting on you and your colleagues to pass federal funding for home visiting.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

NAME

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**When emailing your representatives:**

**Subject line:** Support S. 1829 to Renew MIECHV – your constituents are counting on you

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm writing to urge you to renew federal funding for home visiting by supporting S. 1829, bipartisan legislation that reauthorizes the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting program for five years without a harmful state match.

It's been two weeks since inaction allowed the program to expire, and jobs and services are on the line.

Please do everything in your power to pass this legislation as soon as possible. The clock is ticking. Every second that Congress waits is a second closer to lost services and lost jobs.

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