

Phone Script for GAP October Action: Ask Senators to Cosponsor the Read Act

Capital Switchboard, ask for your Senator's office: (202) 224-3121

EPIC Format

- **Engage**
- **Problem**
- **Inform about the Solution**
- **Call to Action**

- **Engage:** Hello, my name is NAME, and I am a constituent. I am also a former Peace Corps Volunteer. I am calling to ask the Senator to support global education!

- **Problem:** Even before COVID millions of children and adolescents did not have access to school. The COVID-19 pandemic made things worse, severely disrupting children's access to quality education for more than 616 million students. As a result, children are not receiving the education they need and deserve. Girls, low-income children, and children with disabilities are affected the most.

- **Inform about the Solution:** In 2017, the READ Act was passed and enabled the U.S. to speed up its leadership in supporting access to quality education around the world. Now Congress has a chance to continue this leadership for another five years through the READ Act Reauthorization Act (S.3938).
 - As a Peace Corps Volunteer I saw the difference education could make—those in the village/community of NAME that got to go to school found more ways to earn money and took leadership roles in the village. For those who didn't go to school nothing seemed to change. They keep falling further and further behind as the world advances around them. This is a terrible waste of human potential and a danger to global stability.

- **Call to Action:** The READ Act made a difference in the lives of millions of young people, and its reauthorization will allow that to continue - and that is particularly important now during this challenging time for global education. The bill has already passed the House, and now it's up to the Senate. Will the Senator co-sponsor this important legislation? To co-sponsor, please contact Corey Cowan in Sen. Dick Durbin's office or Alex Moree in Sen. Marco Rubio's (R-FL) office. Can someone please get back to me and let me know. You can reach me at: email, phone number

Alternative Call to action: If your Senator is already a cosponsor, thank them and ask them to get their colleagues to cosponsor.