

ITIRA Congressional Call Script

Iranian Temporary Immigration Relief Act (ITIRA) - H.R. 8740

When contacting your Member of Congress, you are encouraged to use the following script as a guide to help clearly communicate your support for ITIRA. Please feel free to briefly share your own experience or connection to the issue when appropriate. A concise, respectful message can help congressional offices understand why this legislation matters to their constituents.

Privacy Note: *Congressional offices generally treat constituent communications as confidential. You do not need to provide sensitive personal or immigration information when calling to express support for ITIRA.*

Suggested Call Script

Hello, my name is [Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State]. I'm calling to ask Representative [Name] to cosponsor and support the Iranian Temporary Immigration Relief Act (ITIRA), H.R. 8740, introduced by Representatives Yassamin Ansari and Tom Suozzi.

Since late 2025, a USCIS adjudication pause has left some Iranian nationals who are lawfully present in the United States in legal limbo through no fault of their own. Many are students, scientists, engineers, healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, and other skilled professionals contributing to key sectors of the U.S. economy.

At the same time, ongoing conflict and the Iranian regime's documented repression of its citizens make returning to Iran unsafe.

ITIRA provides temporary protection and work authorization to individuals who are already in the United States legally, have pending good-faith immigration applications affected by the USCIS pause, have undergone vetting and background checks, and have no criminal record. The bill also includes strong safeguards by excluding individuals affiliated with the Iranian regime and immediate family members who have benefited from regime misconduct.

This is a narrow, targeted solution that protects people who followed the law while preserving the integrity of our immigration system.

I would greatly appreciate Representative [Name]'s support for ITIRA and would welcome any update on their position. Thank you for your time.

Tip: If you are personally affected by the adjudication pause, consider adding one or two sentences about your experience before the closing request.

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