Calling Your U.S. Senators

U.S. Senators can roll back regulations issued last year and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s Prepaid Card Rule is a top rule that the Senate may vote to block. A phone call to your senators can make a difference.

Call your senators through the Capitol Switchboard, (202) 224-3121, or find their office number here.

Sample script with options, depending on staff response to your initial question:

Hello! I am a constituent from ___________. Can you let me know the Senator’s position on whether the Senate should block the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s prepaid card rule?

**OPTION 1: Dodges / Undecided**

I’m disappointed to hear that and urge the senator to support the CFPB’s common sense prepaid card rule, which protects 12 million households from fraud and hidden fees. These protections should not be blocked just so one company can keep charging overdraft fees, which have no place on prepaid cards. I also urge the senator to support all of the CFPB’s work to protect ordinary Americans from financial abuses. Please take down my contact information and get back to me with the Senator’s position.

**OPTION 2: Will vote Yes to overturn the rule.**

I’m very disappointed. I can’t believe that the senator would oppose a common sense rule that protects 12 million households from fraud and hidden fees so one company can keep charging overdraft fees, which have no place on prepaid cards. I expect my senator to protect me and other consumers in our state, not companies engaged in predatory practices. I urge the senator to reconsider and also to support the CFPB’s work to protect ordinary Americans from financial abuses.

**OPTION 3: Will vote NO to keep the rule.**

That’s great! Please thank the Senator and urge him/her to speak out on the Senate floor or in the media in support of the prepaid card rule and all of the CFPB’s work to protect ordinary Americans from financial abuses. This is extremely important to me and I will be watching for his/her public statements. Thank you for your time.