

## Visit or Call Your Representative and Senators. Ask for Their Support of the BridgeUSA Program.

You care deeply about BridgeUSA programs and the positive impact they have on your businesses, families and communities. Federal agencies, however, may propose substantial changes to exchange programs that could severely damage the programs, and ultimately make them unworkable.

You can **help secure support for BridgeUSA programs**. Here's how:

**Gather a group.** Invite 2-4 others in your community who support the BridgeUSA program - host employers and camps, host families, host schools, chamber of commerce representatives, even program participants - to join you.

**Set a meeting.** Find your Representative (<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>) and Senators (<https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact/>). Call and ask for a meeting for your group with your Representative/ Senators at their local offices. It's their job to meet with constituents and hear your concerns.

**Deliver your 'ask'.** "We are asking the Representative/ Senator to support the BridgeUSA international exchange program and its positive impact in our community and nationwide."

\*See Talking Points document for more details.

**Get a photo of your group and post it to social media.** Tag your Representative/ Senators with their handle (i.e., @Senator).

**Can't have a meeting? Call instead!** Call the D.C. office and deliver the same 'ask' to the staff member who answers the phone. It's their job to log the name and request of every constituent caller.