

New Jersey After 3

Phone Script for Calling Legislative offices

I. Introduction:

Ask to speak with someone from the legislators staff.

II. State your Issue and Concerns:

PARENT SCRIPT

Hi, my name is _____ and I'm calling from [your city], thank you for taking my call. I'm calling to express concern over the proposed four million dollar budget reduction to New Jersey After 3's state budget allocation.

This proposed reduction could leave as many as 4,000 children from working and middle class families without a safe place to learn and grow during the most dangerous time for children, the hours from 3 pm to 6 pm. Without this program I don't know what I would do.

[Briefly describe what the program means to you. Keep it to a couple of sentences. Would you have to leave work early? Give up overtime hours? Pay a lot of money for some other afterschool program?]

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.

STAFF/TEACHER SCRIPT

Hi, my name is _____ and I'm calling from [your city], thank you for taking my call. I'm calling to express concern over the proposed four million dollar budget reduction to New Jersey After 3's state budget allocation.

This proposed reduction could leave as many as 4,000 children from working and middle class families without a safe place to learn and grow during the most dangerous time for children, the hours from 3 pm to 6 pm. This would be a devastating blow for our kids.

[Briefly describe what the program means to the kids that you work with. Keep it to a couple of sentences. Would it impact their school work? Would it leave them out on the streets? Would it impact their parents?]

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns.