



**Thank you for calling your legislator in support of An Act to Ensure Gender Parity and Racial and Ethnic Diversity on Public Boards and Commissions (H.4153).** Learn more about this legislation at [parityonboard.org](http://parityonboard.org) and [malegislature.gov](http://malegislature.gov). [Use this site](#) to find contact information for your Massachusetts Senator and Representative.

### **Sample phone script:**

**Caller:** Hello, I am constituent of Senator/Representative [{legislator's name}](#) and would like to make a statement in support of An Act to Ensure Gender Parity and Racial and Ethnic Diversity on Public Boards and Commissions (H.4153).

**Legislative Secretary:** Certainly, I can transfer you. (Or they may take your statement themselves.)

**Caller:** Thank you. My name is [{your full name}](#) and I live at [{your full address}](#). I am calling to urge Senator/Representative [{legislator's name}](#) to support An Act to Ensure Gender Parity and Racial and Ethnic Diversity on Public Boards and Commissions (H.4153). Women and minorities account for 52% and 28%, respectively, of the state's population yet are underrepresented in leadership positions across all sectors. H.4153 will ensure that our state's public boards and commissions reflect the gender, racial, and ethnic diversity of the commonwealth. Especially in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis and the Black Lives Matter movement, it is imperative that we address this leadership disparity now. [{If relevant, include a sentence or two about why this issue is important to you, personally.}](#) The bill was reported favorably to the House Ways and Means Committee. Will the Senator/Representative [{legislator's name}](#) please ask Representative Aaron Michelwitz, the Chair of House Ways and Means, to move H.4153 out of committee and to a vote?

[{If Aaron Michelwitz is your representative, ask that he move to bring the bill out of committee and to a vote.}](#)

**Legislative Secretary:** I will pass your message to the Senator/Representative. Would you like them to respond to you?

**Caller:** [{If yes}](#): Yes, they can reach me at [{email address}](#) or [{phone number}](#). Thank you for your time. Goodbye.

[{If no}](#): No thank you. Thank you for your time. Goodbye.

### **General tips for calling your legislator:**

- State your position on the issue.
- Identify your name and address.
- Include the bill number if you know it; if you don't know the bill number, be clear in explaining the nature of the issue.
- Make your statement as personal as possible. Explain why this is important to you personally and why they should support your view. Address how a piece of legislation would affect your community.
- Be clear and concise.
- Be sure to ask your legislator a question so you will get a response. For example: *Will you vote for this bill? Will you be a sponsor of this legislation? Will you ask the Senate President or House Speaker to bring this bill up for a vote?*