



## **Sample Call Script to Contact City Council on June 19th for Fight for the Frontlines Friday**

(Look up your City Council Member [here](#) and review HSC's open letter to Mayor de Blasio and City Council [here](#).)

My name is [NAME] and I work for [NAME of ORGANIZATION] in [NEIGHBORHOOD]. I am calling in support of the NYC Budget Justice Campaign which calls for a reduction of at least \$1 billion from the NYPD budget in FY21 in order to fund critical youth and social services programs.

We cannot afford to continue underfunding and cutting human services, especially in the middle of a pandemic. Funds need to be redirected from the NYPD and into the communities which have been most affected by COVID-19. Existing programs in need of funding and a reduction of devastating cuts include [LIST 1 or 2 PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES YOU WANT TO HIGHLIGHT -- you can use HSC's letter for reference]. Hundreds of human services providers and countless New Yorkers are calling for these vital investments and for transparency around how any redirected funds will be allocated. Working together we can make sure they FY21 budget represents our City's values by strengthening the human services programs that keep our communities safe.

Thank you so much for your time.