



Advocate #4intersex: Call your lawmakers!

Give your elected officials a call (or submit a letter) **asking them to support intersex youth!** They could pass a bill like California's SB 225 – a document that expresses the state's commitment to the rights of intersex people. Your lawmakers and their staff may need some education on intersex issues first. Use the new knowledge you've gained to help get them up to speed!

You can start by going to <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials> and finding out who your elected officials are. Click on "state legislators" and select your state to get to know the people who represent you and make policies where you live.

A good start is to contact (1) the Governor of your state, (2) your state senator; and (3) your state representative, using the following blurb (and don't forget to copy us!):

"Hello, I am a resident of [your town] and I'm contacting you to ask for your help supporting a vulnerable community in our state. Did you know that 1-2% of your constituents are intersex, meaning born with sex characteristics that don't match what we normally think of as male or female? Intersex people are all around us, but their needs are not being met because not enough people know what those needs are. Intersex children are subjected to surgeries in infancy that have been deemed a form of torture by the United Nations and condemned by Physicians for Human Rights and the World Health Organization. I'm asking for your help to ensure the medical community "does no harm" and stops these unwanted surgeries. Can I discuss this issue more with you?"

Want to see a sample piece of legislation raising up the voices of intersex people? [Read more about SB 225](#), currently being considered by the California State Legislature.

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