



In the worst economy since the Great Depression, Americans everywhere are struggling to put food on the table, keep the heat on and stay in their homes. Nonprofits and public agencies are ready to help but when people reach out they get lost in a system that is fragmented and confusion. 211 cuts through the clutter and makes it easy for families and seniors to get the help they need. 211 is a vital service that connects people in need with local services.

We have a 911 system for emergency services; we need a stable and well established 211 system for people in economic distress. Tell your member of Congress to step up and ensure 211 service is available to all Americans.

### Take 2 minutes for 211!

1. Tell your Members of Congress to pass the Calling for 211 Act now!
2. Click the link: <http://www.capwiz.com/unitedway/home/>
  - ★ From the capwiz web site, for Senators: Click “Support passage of the Calling for 211 Act” (**S. 211**).
  - ★ Scroll down and enter zip code.
  - ★ Fill out form completely.
    1. *Want to maximize your 2 minutes?!* Fill in a sentence or two about your local 211—a story, a statistic, an expression of need for 211 service if you don’t yet have service.
    2. Example: My 211 call center helped a single mom and baby move out of a motel into affordable housing. It all started with a call to 211 with the mom looking for a motel voucher. Our staff listened and helped match the young mom with a local housing resource. We need 211 strong and stable everywhere in America. Your help is needed now to ensure this type of service is always available.
3. Click Send.
4. Repeat for Representatives: Click “Support passage of the Calling for 211 Act” (**H.R. 211**)

### Have a Twitter account? See the following sample tweet, localize and post.

“211 covers more than 80% of US, 100% of Washington & 50% of Oregon. Pls help make it 100%  
<http://ow.ly/1KObw> #pass211”



### Have a Facebook page? Post the following:

“Email your members of Congress to urge passage of the Calling for 211 Act!

<http://www.capwiz.com/unitedway/home/>

While you’re at it, learn more by becoming friends with “[Pass 211](#)”

**Your support for 211 locally and nationally matters. Thanks for taking time for 211!**