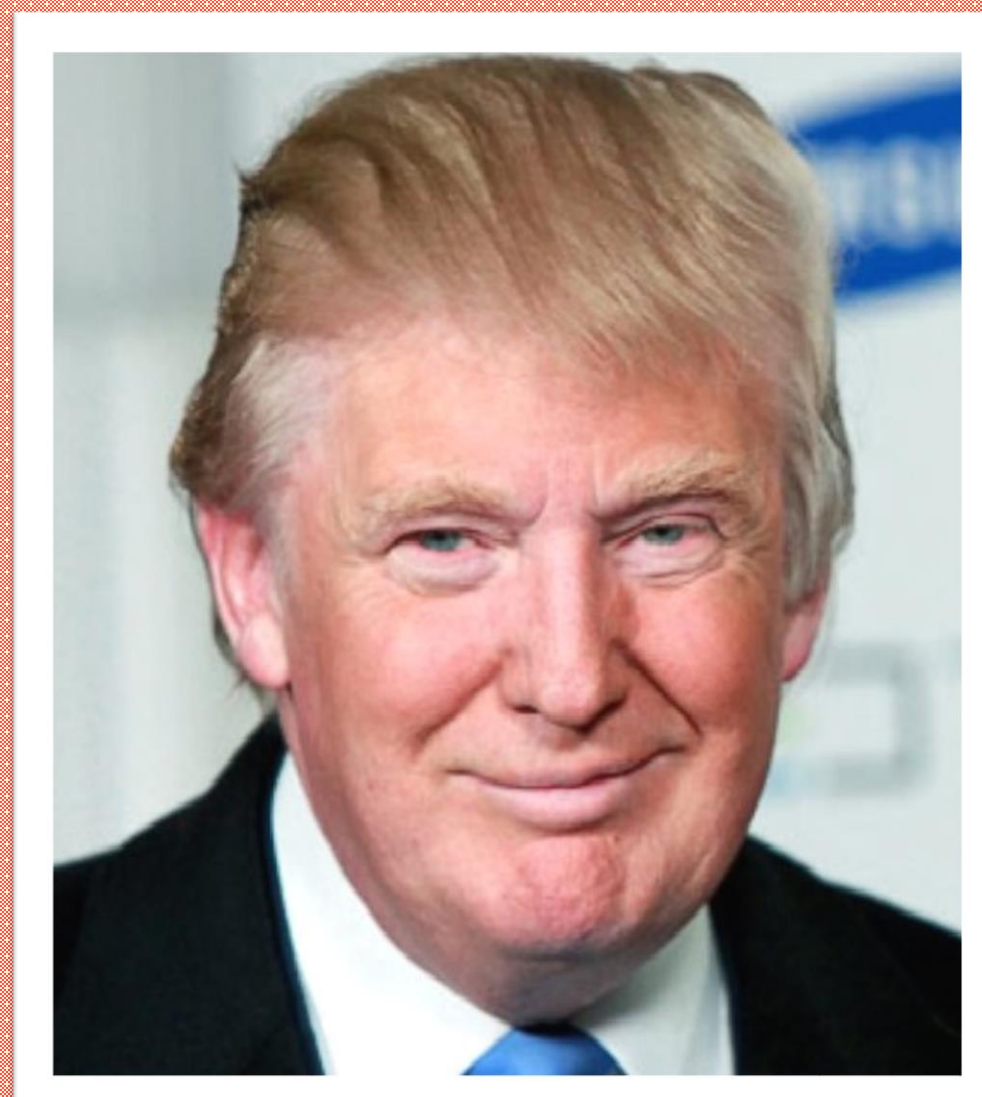


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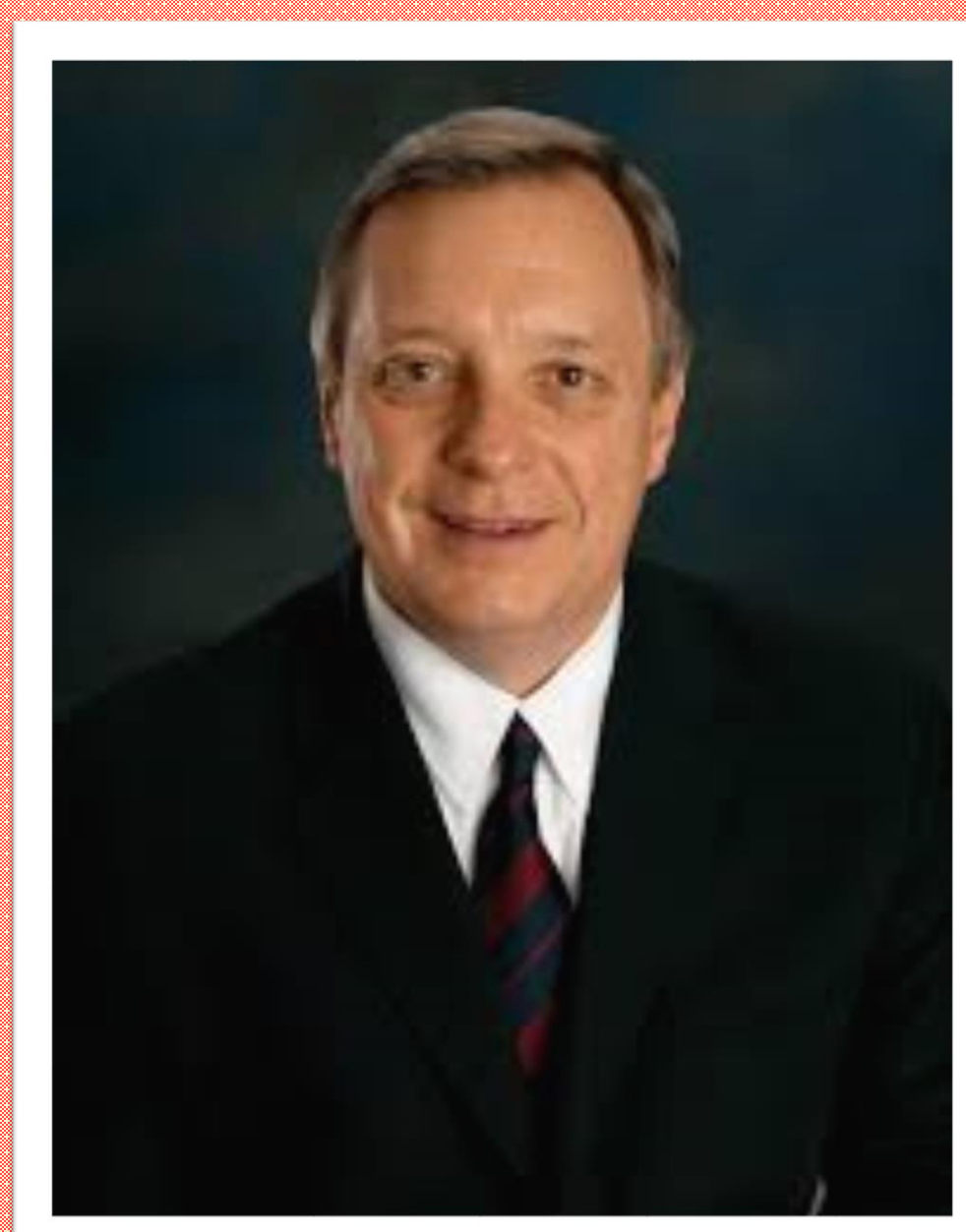
## Why call?

One of the most effective and quick ways to demand social change is to contact your legislators. When you contact your legislators, you are not only initiating direct dialogue with people in power, you are also creating a log on your issue. Legislative staff track public comments and address issues raised by constituents. With enough calls from constituents, legislators will be compelled to take a stance.



### ♥ **U.S. President, Donald Trump (R)**

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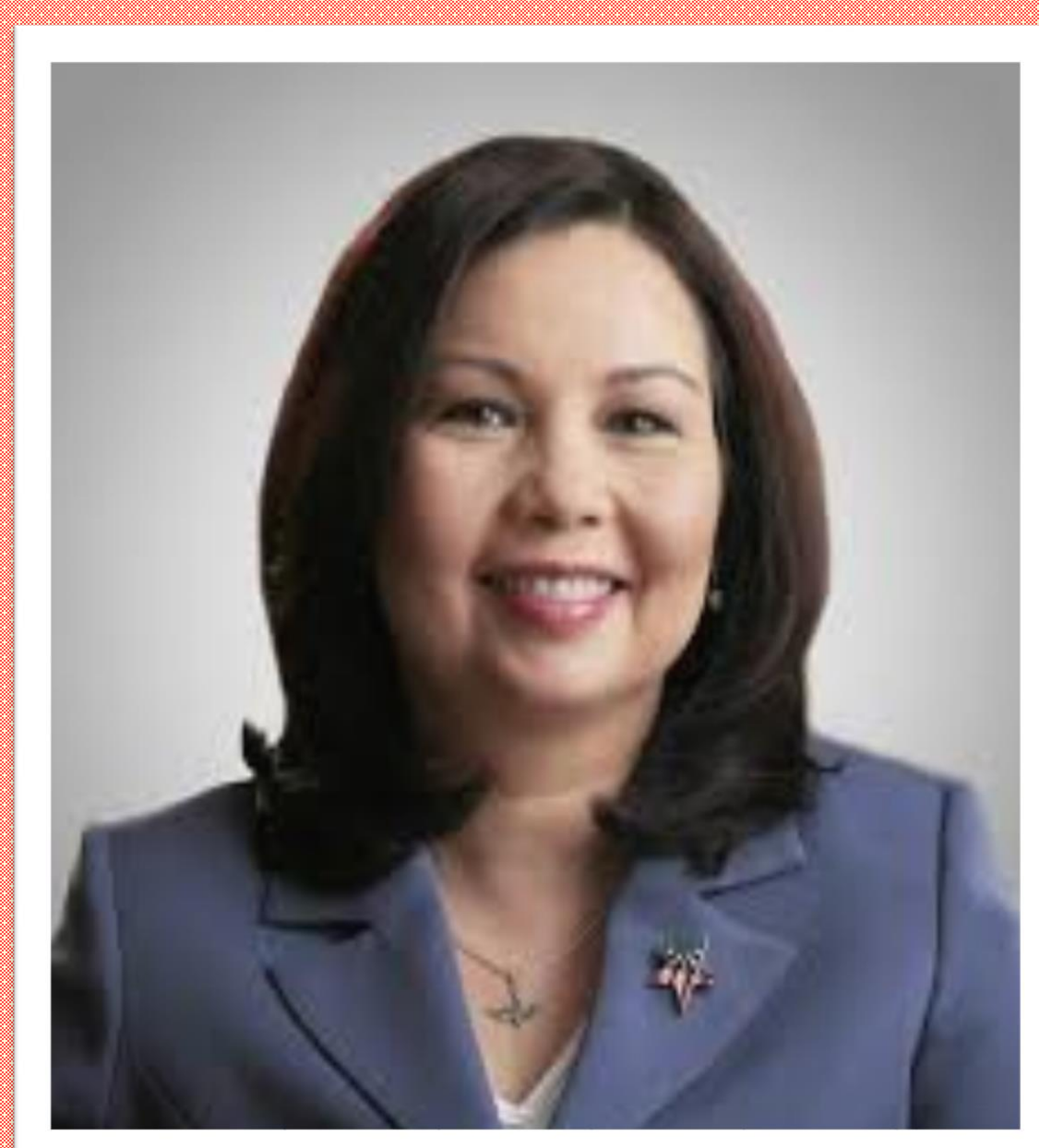


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## What is the Travel Ban?

As of January 27, 2017 President Trump signed an executive order entitled Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States. This executive order (more commonly known as the “travel ban”) imposes a 90-day travel ban, with some exceptions, on the citizens of seven predominately Muslim countries: Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia and Yemen. The order calls for a review of the visa and refugee programs, arguing that “numerous foreign-born individuals have been convicted or implicated in terrorism-related crimes since September 11, 2001.”

- ♥ The travel ban suspends the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for 120 days and indefinitely prohibits Syrian refugees from entering the U.S.
- ♥ According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 940 people with legally obtained visas were denied boarding of in-bound flights to the U.S. (as of Feb. 2nd).
- ♥ The Department of Homeland Security processed 1,607 waivers for legal permanent residents, and 81 visa holders were granted waivers, temporarily granting entry to certain individuals.
- ♥ About 86,700 people who received visas from the seven affected countries in fiscal year 2015 may not be able to return during that 90-day period, pending “extreme vetting.”
- ♥ Approximately 20,000 refugees will be impacted by the 120-day suspension of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

The ban is currently in suspension pending ongoing court decisions. As a constituents, you have the right to call your legislators to express your thoughts on this ban. Comments from constituents may influence a legislator’s stance on an issue.

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## What is the IL State Budget Impasse?

In January 2015, leaders in Springfield allowed the temporary Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stabilization Act (TABSA) of 2011 to expire causing corporate and individual tax rates to drop and draining \$6 billion from the state budget. These funds pay for K-12 and higher education, human services, environmental protection, and many other critical services. We are now approaching two years into a budget impasse. Our state policymakers face a choice between restoring the revenue we lost, allowing more cuts to critical services, or reaching a compromise. Below are examples of the impact the state budget impasse has had on public services.

According to the Responsible Budget Coalition:

- ♥ The state is not funding training for approximately 57,000 law enforcement officers.
- ♥ Nearly 15,000 youth lost access to high-quality, comprehensive after-school services (Teen REACH) at 122 sites around the state.
- ♥ Redeploy Illinois, which saves the state millions by diverting youth from incarceration in the Department of Juvenile Justice, is shut down in 23 counties.
- ♥ The state stopped funding grants for psychiatrists, forcing providers to turn away new patients with serious mental illness who do not have health insurance.
- ♥ Access to substance abuse programs has decreased and treatment for 70,000 Illinois residents are at risk.