

Phone Script:

Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a **[community leader/tree board member/resident, etc.]** in **[Name of Town]**, Nebraska. I am calling to urge [Name of Senator or Representative] to restore funding to the U.S. Forest Service's State, Private, and Tribal Forestry (SPTF) programs in the FY 2026 budget.

Eliminating these programs in the President's "Skinny Budget" will severely impact my community. Without this funding, my community will face impossible costs for fire suppression and forest management—responsibilities we cannot handle alone.

In partnership with the Nebraska Forest Service, [name of town] has leveraged federal investments to protect and enhance our local environment. These investments have empowered us to:

**[Mention briefly an example of how a program has impacted your community; i.e. wildfire risk reduction, prevention or preparedness; a community forestry initiative that has reduced stormwater runoff or enhanced livability; equipment or training for volunteer fire department; improved forest health management through education, etc.].**

Thank you for taking my phone call.