**Email Template to Elected Officials**

Dear TITLE/NAME,

My name is (NAME), and I’m a (STUDENT/TEACHER) at (SCHOOL NAME) in (CITY). Along with teaching, I also coach speech and debate. I can tell you first-hand that this activity transforms students. From building confidence, improving communication, and increasing critical thinking skills to better preparing students for college, speech and debate activities provide life skills vital to a young person’s success in the future. I’m hoping you will help me get a state resolution passed, acknowledging March 1, 2019, as National Speech and Debate Education Day.

Honoring March 1 as National Speech and Debate Education Day serves as a way to acknowledge the life-changing power of speech and debate. Coaches, teachers, students, parents, and administrators across the country know that the skills learned in this activity cannot be taught in any other way.

The United States Senate is also working to pass a national resolution designating March 1, 2019, as National Speech and Debate Education Day. Please help us support the thousands of students, teachers, and coaches participating in this activity in STATE. Attached is a copy of the resolution.

Thank you very much for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

YOUR NAME

YOUR TITLE

SCHOOL

CONTACT INFORMATION