

Mobilization Idea Number #2 - Make the Call

Thank you for becoming part of the cure and agreeing to contact your Congressman and U.S. Senators in our effort to secure additional cosponsors for H.R. 3502 and S. 2858. Below is listed a step by step plan to help you seek additional co-sponsors for our legislation.

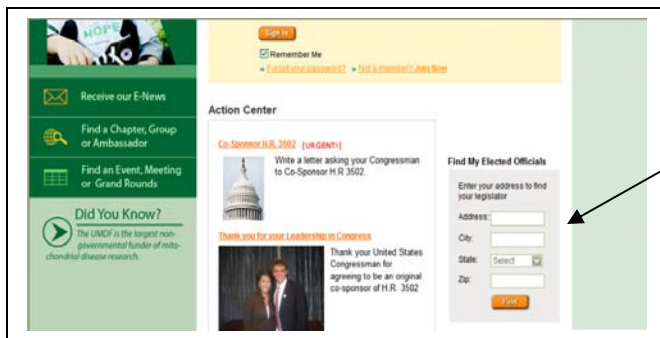
Before you call:

1. Check the UMDF website (www.umdff.org) to make sure your congressman or Senator is not already a co-sponsor of H.R. 3502 or S. 2858. To see the complete list of House and Senate Co-sponsors, click on the following link and scroll down the page:

http://www.umdff.org/site/c.otJVJ7MMlqE/b.5700487/k.FA72/About_HR_3502_and_S_2858.htm

If your congressman or Senator is not listed as a co-sponsor, the focus of your conversation is to ask them to become a co-sponsor. If your congressman or senator is a co-sponsor, you will call to thank them for their support.

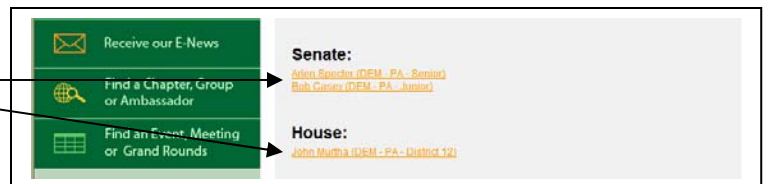
2. Locate the telephone number of your congressman or Senator. UMDF has made this easy for you. Visit www.umdff.org/advocate to be taken to the front page of the UMDF Advocacy Action Center and follow instructions below.



When the UMDF Action Center Page opens, scroll down until you see the grey box on the right side of the screen that says "Find My Elected Official".

Enter your information in the spaces provided and click "Find".

Upon entering the information, the following screen will display. Click on the names of your Senators or Congressman, and it will display the contact information for them.



The contact information is available as you scroll down. If the district office listed is not close to your home, contact the number provided and tell them where you live. They will give you the closest phone number or address of the local office. In most cases, websites are listed for the individual representative. Those always have local information posted.

Making the calls:

Once you have determined the phone number for the Congressman or Senator, you are ready to make the calls.

- ***SCRIPT CALLING A CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE WHO IS NOT YET A CO-SPONSOR:***

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent of Congressman _____.
I live in _____.

I am calling to ask Congressman _____ to cosponsor H.R. 3502, the Mitochondrial Medicine Research and Treatment Enhancement Act. H.R. 3502 is important because it expands upon existing research efforts and fosters greater coordination among NIH Institutes that have been involved with different aspects of mitochondrial research. A greater understanding of the mitochondria could provide insights into treatments for a wide range of disease and conditions that affect Americans every day, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes. This is an issue that is both very personal and important for our nation and public health.

(Briefly explain your personal experience with mitochondrial disease.)

If the congressman or staff would like more information about mitochondrial disease, please visit umdf.org. I would like to thank you and ask again that Congressman _____ co-sponsor H.R. 3502."

- ***SCRIPT CALLING A CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE WHO IS A CO-SPONSOR:***

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent of Congressman _____.
I live in _____.

I am calling to thank Congressman _____ for being a co-sponsor H.R. 3502, the Mitochondrial Medicine Research and Treatment Enhancement Act. H.R. 3502 is important because it expands upon existing research efforts and fosters greater coordination among NIH Institutes that have been involved with different aspects of mitochondrial research. A greater understanding of the mitochondria could provide insights into treatments for a wide range of disease and conditions that affect Americans every day, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes. This is an issue that is both very personal and important for our nation and public health.

(Briefly explain your personal experience with mitochondrial disease.)

I hope we can continue to count on the Congressman's support for H.R. 3502. "

Making the calls:

• ***SCRIPT CALLING A SENATOR'S OFFICE WHO IS NOT YET A CO-SPONSOR:***

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am constituent of Senator _____.

I am calling to ask the Senator to cosponsor S.2858, the Brittany Wilkinson Mitochondrial Disease Research and Treatment Enhancement Act. S. 2858 is important because it expands upon existing research efforts and fosters greater coordination among NIH Institutes that have been involved with different aspects of mitochondrial research. A greater understanding of the mitochondria could provide insights into treatments for a wide range of disease and conditions that affect Americans every day, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes. This is an issue that is both very personal and important for our nation and public health.

(Briefly explain your personal experience with mitochondrial disease.)

If the Senator or staff would like more information about mitochondrial disease, please visit umdf.org. I would like to thank you and ask again that Senator _____ co-sponsor S. 2858."

• ***SCRIPT CALLING A SENATOR WHO IS A CO-SPONSOR:***

"Hello, my name is _____ and I am a constituent of Senator _____.

I am calling to thank Senator _____ for being a co-sponsor S. 2858, the Brittany Wilkinson Mitochondrial Disease Research and Treatment Enhancement Act. S.2858 is important because it expands upon existing research efforts and fosters greater coordination among NIH Institutes that have been involved with different aspects of mitochondrial research. A greater understanding of the mitochondria could provide insights into treatments for a wide range of disease and conditions that affect Americans every day, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and diabetes. This is an issue that is both very personal and important for our nation and public health.

(Briefly explain your personal experience with mitochondrial disease.)

I hope we can continue to count on the Senator's support for S. 2858. "

CONGRATULATIONS! You have made your voice heard.!

Now tell us about your experience or any other information that the national office needs in order to follow up.

[Click here to tell us about your advocacy effort](#) and any follow up required by the UMDF National Office. Your story may be added to our "Success Stories" page on the UMDF website.