

Mobilization Idea Number #3 – Write the Letter

Thank you for becoming part of the cure and agreeing to send a letter through the Advocacy Action Center to 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. Log onto the UMDF Advocacy Action Center

1. To enter the Action Center, click on this link www.umdf.org/advocate.



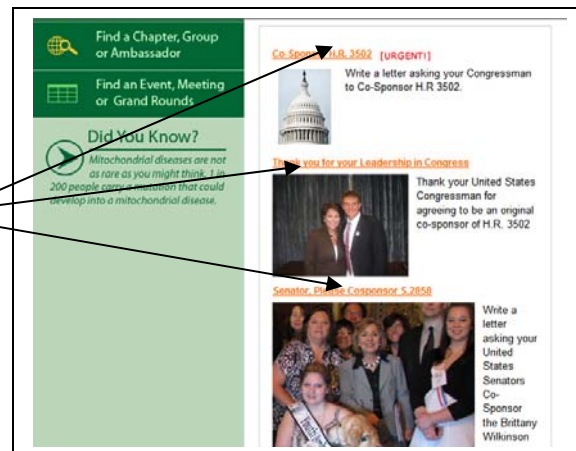
2. When in the Action Center, you will see the screen to the left appear. If you would like to:

- Register for a user name and password
- Forgot your user name or password
- have an opportunity to become a free UMDF member

Follow the instructions here. You will be taken to a page that asks for your name, address, city, state, zip code and for you to create a user name and password. Once that information is provided, you will be taken into the action center to send your letters.

3. **If you do not want a user name and password, click on any action item.** A new page will open with a letter. Scroll to the bottom of the page to where it says **“Your Information”**. Add all of the required information (name , address, etc.) When you are done adding the information, press **“Send”** and your letter will be sent to it’s intended target. A confirmation page will display. Click **“Back to the Action Center”** on your confirmation page display to go back and send additional letters.

4. For those with a ‘user name and password’ the Action Center opens when you log in. It will display all of the letters that are available for you to send. Click on any of these links to open a letter.



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both adults and children

Print a Letter
 Fax

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Review the Message

Subject*
Please cosponsor the Brittany Wish

Dear (recipient name),
Mitochondria could lead to treatments for a wide range of conditions and potentially help millions of people, but it is also very personal to me.

Senator Dowe named this legislation after Brittany Wilkinson, from Clovis, California. Brittany was an affected teenager who bravely fought against mitochondrial disease while raising awareness. She worked tirelessly as an advocate for legislation that may one day help others affected by mitochondrial disease. Brittany lost her battle against mitochondrial disease on September 6, 2009. She was 18 years old.

(Insert a personal Paragraph)

As your constituent, I ask that you to help those affected by mitochondrial disease. I urge you to be part of the cure and become a cosponsor of S.2958.

Sincerely

5. When the letter opens, it will show you the name of the official to which it will be sent. It also asks you if you want to email, print or fax the letter. We prefer you select email. **Very important: There is a point in the letter that asks you to "Insert a personal paragraph".**

If you chose to do this, delete the phrase "Insert Personal Paragraph" and add your own information. If you do not wish to add personal information, delete "Insert Personal Paragraph".

6. When you are done with your letter, scroll to the bottom of the screen. If you wish to preview your letter, click this button. To send you letter, click here.

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Thank you for supporting the Brittany Wilkinson Mitochondrial Disease Research and Treatment Enhancement Act

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7. Once your letter is sent, you will see this confirmation screen. To go back into the Action Center to send additional letters, click on this link.

Congratulations on sending your letters!

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.