



Parent Project
Muscular Dystrophy

Action Alert Phone Script- Cosponsor FAST Legislation

HOUSE

PPMD ADVOCATE:

Hi, my name is _____. I'm a constituent from ____ (home town) _____. Could I please speak to the Representative's Legislative Assistant who handles health care?

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE:

Let me see if XXXX is available. May I ask what you are calling about?

PPMD ADVOCATE:

Sure, I'm the parent (**friend, relative**) of a child (young man) with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. I would like to discuss current legislation Congress is considering that has the potential to positively impact those with muscular dystrophy.

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:

Hi, this is XXXX, how can I help you?

PPMD ADVOCATE:

Hi, this is ___ (**your name**) ___ from ___ (**home town**) _____. My (**Son, relative, friend, patient**) has Duchenne muscular dystrophy. I'm not sure how much you know about Duchenne, but it is the most common form of muscular dystrophy, and the most lethal genetic disease diagnosed in children. There is no cure.

Congressmen Cliff Stearns and Edolphus Towns have recently introduced a bill called the Faster Access to Specialized Treatments or FAST Act. This legislation – which the sponsors hope will be included in the final Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) reauthorization – will give FDA the tools it needs to more quickly approve drugs for serious and life threatening diseases and conditions like Duchenne.

I would like to ask that the Representative consider co-sponsoring this legislation.

Congress has been instrumental to the advances made over the last few years in muscular dystrophy care and research, but more needs to be done to provide greater access to therapies for this disease, and other serious and life threatening diseases. Can we count on the Representative to join this effort to continue supporting the progress made on muscular dystrophy?

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:

I will let the Representative know that we talked and make sure that he/she takes a look at this legislation.

PPMD ADVOCATE: Thanks for your time. Can I get your email address so that I can send you background information on this issue? I hope the Representative will consider signing onto this important bill. Thanks very much!