

2009 Advocacy Phone Call Script U.S. Senate

PPMD ADVOCATE:

Hi, my name is _____. I'm a constituent from ____ (home town) _____. Could I please speak to the Senator'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 of a child with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. I would like to discuss what Congress is working on for 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 child 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 killer. There is no cure.

Senators Sherrod Brown and Roger Wicker are leading a bi-partisan joint letter to the appropriations committee to highlight muscular dystrophy and the need for increased funding. I would like to ask that the Senator consider co-signing that letter.

Congress has really been great in the last few years in its support for muscular dystrophy, and last year passed a reauthorization bill. A lot has happened over the last several years thanks to support from Congress, but more needs to be done. Can we count on the Senator to join this bi-partisan effort to continue supporting the progress made on muscular dystrophy?

CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE HEALTH LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:

I will let the Senator know that we talked and make sure that he/she takes a look at the letter.

PPMD ADVOCATE:

Thanks for your time. I hope the Congressman will consider signing onto this important funding request. Can I get your email so that I can follow up with you on this issue?

Thanks very much!