

CALLING YOUR FEDERAL LEGISLATORS

Calling your elected officials is quick and easy! Below are some suggested things you might say when calling. You should also send your elected officials a letter explaining why this legislation is important to you and/or your family and friends. Although personal correspondence is always best, we have a sample form letter available for your use. Please visit www.mlasg.com for more information.

SAMPLE phone blurb asking House Members for bill support.

I am calling to urge the Congressman/woman to co-sponsor HR 1179, the Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Bill.

Lyme disease has become an epidemic spreading across the country, we are sick, the tests aren't accurate, and we need a cure! Patients, and those who treat them, also need a voice in this process. Only you have the power to make that happen. Please co-sponsor HR 1179 today. Thank you (Give your name, address, phone number)

SAMPLE phone blurb asking Senate Members for bill support.

I am calling to urge the Senator to co-sponsor S 1352, the Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Bill **that was introduced by Senator Dodd.**

Lyme disease has become an epidemic spreading across the country, we are sick, the tests aren't accurate, and we need a cure! Patients, and those who treat them, also need a voice in this process. Only you have the power to make that happen. Please co-sponsor S 1352 today. Thank you (Give your name, address, phone number)

*Please note that U.S. Representatives Tim Walz (D-1), James Oberstar (D-8), Collin Peterson (D-7) and Keith Ellison (D-5) have already signed on as co-sponsors of H.R. 1179.

However, they should still be thanked for their time and efforts!