



Call-On Congress 2018: Call the Halls!

Step 1: Look over the script below. Add your information in the blanks and feel free to personalize or add details about your story wherever you think it is appropriate. Make sure to keep your comments polite and respectful!

Hello, my name is _____ (*name*) _____. I am a constituent living at _____ (*City, State, zip*) _____. I am calling as a member of the colorectal cancer community. Today, our advocates are on Capitol Hill and I'm calling to amplify our community's collective voice. We ask that the *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator* to support colorectal cancer research and increase access to preventative screening.

I am a _____ (*connection to CRC: survivor/caregiver/ friend/ family member/ medical practitioner*) _____.

I am asking that the *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator* support funding the National Institutes of Health at \$38 billion to promote progress in the fight against this horrible disease. There is currently no cure for colorectal cancer-- we must change that.

In addition, I hope you, *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator*, will support the inclusion of colorectal cancer in the Department of Defense's Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program, and ensure that that program remains funded adequately, as well.

Finally, I am asking *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator* to support H.R. 1017/S. 479, the Removing Barriers to Colorectal Cancer Screening Act. This bill would close a loophole in the Medicare program that charges patients for preventative screening in the event a polyp is found and removed. Please help us remove this barrier for our seniors to be screened for this preventable cancer.

If the *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator* has any questions about these issues, they can contact _____ (*either you or Fight CRC (advocate@fightcrc.org)*) _____. Thank you so much for your time and have a wonderful day.

Or, if you would like to share your story and asks with a policy advisor or health legislative aide, you can add the following:

Do you know the *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator's* position on these issues? (If not) I was wondering if I could speak to the staffer that handles these issues for the *Congressman/Congresswoman/Senator*.

Step 2: Call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121. Follow the prompts and enter your information to be connected to the office of your representative.



Step 3: Read from the script and remember: no one knows YOUR story like YOU do. Be confident—you've got this.

Step 4: Repeat! Call the Congressional switchboard again and connect to another representative. Everyone has three: two senators and a member of the House of Representatives. If you have time, call all three!

Step 5: Let us know you've called! Post to social media with the hashtag #ConC18 to let us know you're participating in our efforts from home!

Still have questions? Check out our video for tips on how to make your call to your representative as impactful as possible!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkf3PJ__XGI&index=4&list=PLLPsmZKYc-HZhaC3s7IGc8-7cOucGBdQJ