

SOAR Act Call-In Toolkit



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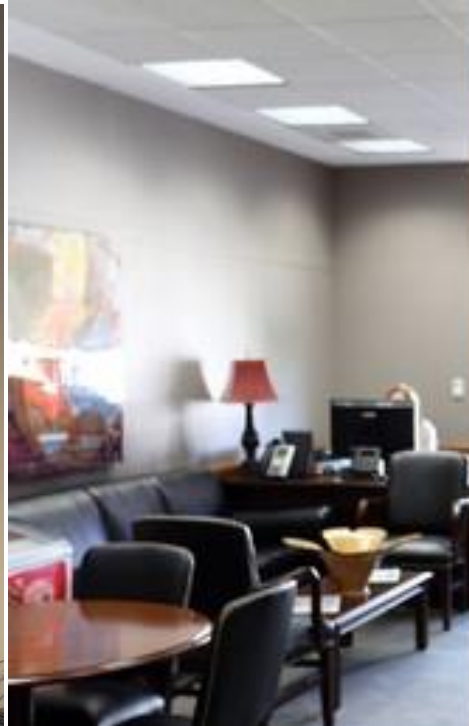
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The Ask

*"Please cosponsor Supplemental
Oxygen Access Reform (SOAR) Act"
S. 3821 and H.R. 7829*

Who Am I Calling and Why?



Calling is one of the most powerful ways to put pressure on your representatives – even more than social media, email, and especially snail-mail.

Why?

It shows commitment to a cause. Representatives know that if they don't hear the concerns of their constituents, it could impact their ability to get reelected.

Phone Call Tips/Preparation

- It takes maybe 2 minutes to call one office, including the time it takes to look up their phone numbers.
- Check if your members of Congress have already cosponsored the SOAR Act. If they have, thank them!
- You may get an answering machine -- you can still follow your call script.
 - Offices will check their messages because they keep track of interactions with constituents, so your call will still get heard and recorded.

Thank you, cosponsors!

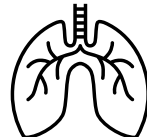
- Check if your state's senators are on the list of [Senate Cosponsors](#).
- Check if your district's representative is on the list of [House of Representative Cosponsors](#).
- Positive reinforcement -- like a 'thank you' phone call -- lets your elected official know that their constituents are paying attention and like what they're doing.
- Knowing their constituents have a personal stake in the SOAR Act can nudge legislators to be stronger allies or champions for the bill.

“Ask to Cosponsor” Script

- My name is [NAME] and I live in [THE TOWN/CITY IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE.]
- I am calling today to ask [Senator/Representative's Name] to cosponsor the bill that will reform supplemental oxygen in Medicare.
- This legislation is important to me because [BRIEFLY SHARE YOUR OWN PERSONAL REASON FOR WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU.]
- I hope I can count on [Senator/Representative] to cosponsor this bipartisan

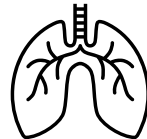
bill.

- Thank you.



“Thank You” Script

- My name is [NAME] and I live in [THE TOWN/CITY IN WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE.]
- I am calling today to thank the [Senator/Representative] for cosponsoring the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform (SOAR) Act.
- This legislation is important to me because [BRIEFLY SHARE YOUR OWN PERSONAL REASON FOR WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT TO YOU.]
- Please let [Senator/Representative' Name] know how much we appreciate that they have cosponsored the SOAR Act.
 - Thank you.



Share Your Story

- Think about personal experiences with oxygen you have to share.
- Use your story to bring the “ask” to life - how would access to the right type or amount of oxygen change your life?
- What do you want Congress members or their staff to remember most about you?



TIME TO MAKE YOUR CALLS!



Call Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or you can look up your 2 Senators' and 1 Representative's phone numbers at <https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member> and call them directly.