

COPD Action Alert!



Call Your Representative Today!

Message: Sign the Letter for \$1 Million to Fight COPD!

Background

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD) is the 4th leading cause of death in America, yet it is largely unknown to the public. The COPD Foundation is urging the federal government to launch a nationwide campaign against COPD. This would lead to better treatments, increased awareness and diagnoses.

Representatives John Lewis and Cliff Stearns are circulating a letter in Congress in support of \$1 million to start such a campaign. All Representatives in Congress are being asked to sign the letter. It will be sent to the Chairman of the committee that sets funding levels for health programs.

Take Action!

Members of Congress will often sign a letter like this if asked by a constituent. That's why we are asking everyone that cares about COPD to contact their Representative and urge him/her to sign the letter. You do not need to be an expert in public policy or health care to make a difference.

What to Say

When you call your Representative's local or DC office, ask to speak with the staff person responsible for health care. Use the following script as a guide:

My name is _____ and I am calling about a letter Representatives John Lewis and Cliff Stearns are sending to Chairman David Obey. The letter requests \$1 million to start a nationwide campaign against COPD. COPD is a chronic lung disease and is the 4th leading killer in America. I have COPD and would very much appreciate it if Representative _____ signed this letter and helped the 24 million Americans like me. Thank you.

At this point, the staff member will probably say "Thank you, I'll look into it." If they ask a question you can't answer, let us know and we'll follow up. A copy of the letter is available at <http://www.copdfoundation.org>.

Whom to Call

You can obtain the name and telephone numbers of your Representative by visiting www.house.gov. Please use the pull-down menu or enter your zip code in the upper left corner to be connected. You can also call the C.O.P.D. Information Line (1-866-316-2673) to find out the name and contact information for your Representative in Congress. Take action today for a better future tomorrow!

