**So Every BODY Can Move – Phone and Email Follow-Up Script Template**

The templates below are intended to be used by advocates to contact their legislator via phone call and the follow-up via email, as a more personal alternative to using the Capitol Canary letter-writing campaign platform (both formats should be used, however, so as to allow advocates to choose their own level of involvement). Typically advocates are asked to contact all members of a committee, or their own district’s legislator(s), in the days preceding a committee hearing or floor vote, respectively. In doing this, advocates remind legislators of the bill’s public support and keeps it fresh in their minds before the vote.

**Phone Script**

Hi, may I please speak to [LEGISLATOR NAME]?

Hello, my name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a [STATE] resident living in [COUNTY/CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD].

I am calling today to request your support on [BILL NUMBER], a bipartisan bill that seeks to improve access to physical activity for individuals with disabilities. This bill is sponsored by [BILL SPONSOR NAMES], and will [BE HEARD IN COMMITTEE / BE VOTED ON THE FLOOR] on [DATE]. I’d like to share with you why this bill matters and how it will help our fellow [STATE] residents living with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairment [if orthotic coverage is included in bill].

Today, thousands of [STATE DEMONYMS] living with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairment [if orthotic coverage is included in bill] are unable to access life-changing prosthetic care that would allow for physical activity, due to inadequate coverage based on insurer belief that such activity is “not medically necessary.” Without such coverage, people are forced to choose between incurring prohibitive costs (ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 per device), risk harm/injury using an improper device, or live sedentary lifestyles with costly health complications. Our state deserves better, and that’s why I support [BILL NUMBER].

[SUMMARY OF BILL PROVISIONS] Legislation of this type is seeing widespread support across the country: Arkansas, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico, and Maine have all enacted similar bills mandating activity-specific device coverage into law in 2022-2023, with Minnesota, Indiana, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire introducing legislation during that time span as well.

I believe that physical activity is a right, and not a privilege available only to non-disabled individuals. I ask that you please support the passage of [BILL NUMBER]. Do you have any questions?

Thank you so much for your time. I have your email address, and I will follow up with the bill text and a fact sheet for [BILL NUMBER].

**Email Template**

Hello [LEGISLATOR NAME],

I [JUST LEFT YOU A VOICEMAIL / JUST CHATTED WITH YOU ON THE PHONE]. My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am a [STATE] resident living in [COUNTY/CITY/NEIGHBORHOOD].

I am writing to you today to request your support on [BILL NUMBER], a bipartisan bill that seeks to improve access to physical activity for individuals with disabilities (see attached bill text and fact sheet). This bill is sponsored by [BILL SPONSOR NAMES], and will [BE HEARD IN COMMITTEE / BE VOTED ON THE FLOOR] on [DATE]

I’d like to share with you why this bill matters and how it will help our fellow [STATE] residents living with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairment [if orthotic coverage is included in bill]:

* Why this bill matters: Today, thousands of [STATE DEMONYMS] living with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairment [if orthotic coverage is included in bill] are unable to access life-changing prosthetic care that would allow for physical activity, due to inadequate insurance coverage based on the belief that such activity is “not medically necessary.” Without this coverage, people are forced to choose between incurring prohibitive costs (ranging from $5,000 to $50,000 per device), risk harm/injury using an improper device, or live sedentary lifestyles with costly health complications. Our fellow residents deserve better, and that’s why I support [BILL NUMBER].
* What this bill does: [SUMMARY OF BILL PROVISIONS] Legislation of this type is seeing widespread support across the country: Arkansas, Illinois, Colorado, New Mexico, and Maine have all enacted similar bills mandating activity-specific device coverage into law in 2022-2023, with Minnesota, Indiana, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire introducing legislation during that time span as well.

Physical activity is a right, not a privilege available only to non-disabled individuals. For this reason, I ask that you please support [BILL NUMBER]’s passage. Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to answering any questions you may have and working together to support people with disabilities in [STATE NAME]!

Regards,

[YOUR NAME]