



**CALL ON CONGRESS  
TO PASS H.R. 4638**

COALITION FOR  
SOCIAL  
WORK &  
HEALTH



## WHERE AND HOW TO CONTACT CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES

You can find the email address and phone number for your Representative and both of your Senators by inputting your zip code here:

[www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member](http://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member).

Below are example scripts for sending an email or making a phone call. We encourage you to use these or make them your own!

## TELLING YOUR STORY

Constituent engagement with lawmakers is an effective step for influencing federal policy – in other words, *your* voice is a powerful tool to gain Congressional support. Telling your personal story isn't about sharing the details of your whole life, but is about highlighting a specific memory or experience that connects you to the cause.

In your outreach, consider sharing:

- How you or a CSW you know has positively impacted the life of a patient
- What a day looks like for you or a CSW you know
- Why you decided to become a social worker or CSW
- What ways you or your patients' lives would change with stronger investments in CSWs

Stay brief (around a minute, or one paragraph) and pick the method of communication you feel most comfortable with. Instead of an elected official, you will likely connect with a staff member that works in the office – and that's expected! These staff are specialized in different policy areas.



## EMAIL TEMPLATE

**SUBJECT: Social Work Bill – Can you support?**

Hello,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State]. I am messaging to urge [Congressperson's Name] to support the *Integrating Social Workers Across Health Care Settings Act*, H.R. 4638.

I believe that this legislation is a positive step towards improving the lives of patients by recognizing the value of clinical social work in health care. The bill would allow clinical social workers to be compensated for the network of services they provide outside of immediate mental and behavioral health treatment. A current lack of payment structure has reduced the availability of CSWs to address complex patient needs. With investment in this workforce, the health care system would see reduced costs through improved health outcomes and better patient experiences.

### *ADD YOUR PERSONAL STORY*

Can you please let me know if [Congressperson's Name] plans to support this bill and if there is anything I can do to help secure their endorsement? I am happy to answer any questions or provide more information.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please let [Congressperson's Name] know that their support for the *Integrating Social Workers Across Health Care Settings Act*, H.R. 4638 is greatly appreciated.



## PHONE SCRIPT

Hello,

My name is [Your Name], and I am a constituent from [City, State]. I am calling to urge [Congressperson's Name] to support the *Integrating Social Workers Across Health Care Settings Act*, H.R. 4638.

I believe that this legislation would improve the lives of patients by recognizing the value of clinical social work in health care. Currently, clinical social workers cannot directly bill for the services they provide outside of immediate mental health treatment. This reduces the availability of a strong workforce that has the influence of improving patient outcomes and reducing costs of care.

### *TELL YOUR PERSONAL STORY*

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. Please let [Congressperson's Name] know that their support for this bill would be greatly appreciated.

*If the staff asks any questions that you are unsure how to answer, let them know you will have someone follow up with them via email. Then, email [awheeler@guidelobby.com](mailto:awheeler@guidelobby.com) with the name of the Congressperson, the name of the staff you spoke with, and the question.*

*If you call and no one is available, it is okay to leave a voicemail!*

