



Finding your Member of Congress

To find your Representative or Senator,

- Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121

OR

- Visit [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) and enter your home address

Calling your Member of Congress

Dial the office number and once connected, introduce yourself and state that you are a constituent of [Your Senator/Representative]. Ask to speak to the health staffer regarding NIH funding in the final appropriations bill. If the staffer is unavailable, you may leave your message with the receptionist (in this case, likely an intern).

Sample Script- Senate

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a [Practice Role] at [Institution] in [City, State]. I'm calling as a constituent regarding the Senate Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. I would like to thank the Senate for its bipartisan support of the NIH and continued funding for their important work. This support is vital for the advancement of echocardiography and cardiovascular medicine as a whole. As a member of the provider community, I urge Senator [Sen. Last Name] to support the Senate Appropriations Committee's outlined funding levels in any final funding bill for 2026. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will continue to prioritize this vital issue.

Sample Script- House of Representatives

Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a [Practice Role] at [Institution] in [City, State]. I'm calling as a constituent regarding the House Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. As you know, the Senate passed a bipartisan appropriations bill that included \$48.7 billion in funding for the National Institutes of Health- maintaining 2025 funding levels. Recently, the House approved its version of the bill, calling for \$48 billion for the NIH. As a member of the provider community, I appreciate the House's bipartisan support for medical research funding and ask Representative [Rep. Last Name] to support a final 2026 appropriations bill that includes a funding level of \$48.7 billion for the NIH. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will continue to prioritize this vital issue.