

Call Your Representatives Graham-Cassidy Bill & Funding Cliff Phone Script



Directions for the Advocacy Hotline:

Dial **1-866-456-3949**, listen to the Health Center message prompt and enter your zip code to be connected to your Members of Congress. The system will give you options for which Member of Congress to connect with – you may press option 1, 2 or 3, each corresponding to a different Member.

Make sure to call the Advocacy Hotline 3 times in order to select and connect with each Member of Congress – see messaging below for calls to Senators and Representatives!

Phone Script

- Hello, my name is _____, I'm calling from _____ Health Center in your district.
- I'm calling today because the Graham-Cassidy bill directly targets California and would be extremely harmful to those patients who access care at my health center. Therefore, on behalf of the patients I serve in your district, I am asking that you vote NO on the Graham-Cassidy legislation.
- I'm deeply concerned about the changes the bill makes to Medicaid and its disproportionate impact on California. California has been one of the most successful states at implementing the Medicaid expansion, which is a critical source of coverage for our patients and is vital to our health center's ability to continue providing care.
- Please don't move forward with this bill - instead, work with your colleagues and stakeholders - like health centers - to develop a real solution to the problems in our healthcare system.
- Rather than voting on the Graham-Cassidy Bill – which takes money away from health centers and California's most vulnerable communities - I ask that Congress take action to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff. Without action by September 30th the Health Center Program will lose 70% of Program funding – this would be a devastating cut. My Health Center and my community cannot afford to take this kind of hit; there are literal lives and jobs at stake.
- **For Calls to your Representative:** I'm asking Representative _____ to co-sponsor HR 3770, the CHIME Act being led by Rep. Stefanik – this bill calls for a 5 year extension to Health Center funding. Can I count on the Congressman/woman to co-sponsor?
- **For Calls to your Senators:** I'm asking Senator _____ to co-sign the Blunt-Stabenow Health Center Cliff letter requesting action to fix the cliff before September 30th. The deadline to co-sign the letter is September 18th. Can I count on the Senator to co-sign?
- Thanks for taking the time to talk with me today – I'm counting on the Senator/Representative to act to fix the Health Center Funding Cliff before the end of the month.