

Script Supporting HB 6540: An Act Concerning the Prevention of HIV

Note before you call: You're about to do some good advocacy, and if successful, you'll help to encourage people to live happy and healthy lives. Remember that as you make your calls to your legislators. 😊

You may not necessarily speak directly with your legislator when you call. That's okay. Legislative staff serve as your legislators' eyes and ears, and they ought to care about what you, a constituent have to say.

Find your local legislator here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp>

Hi, this is _____, I'm from the city/town of _____.

I wanted to call your office to encourage you to support HB 6540, an Act Concerning the Prevention of HIV.

There's a pill called pre-exposure prophylaxis, PrEP. The pill is a medication that prevents HIV. In 2015, youth ages 13 to 24 accounted for more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses in the US.

Connecticut law currently requires minors to get parental consent for PrEP, which may be a barrier for young adults to preventing HIV, a disease that lasts a lifetime and the treatment of which is very expensive. HB 6540 would help ensure that youth at risk for HIV have direct access to PrEP, preventing HIV.

Will you/your office support this legislation?

If yes: Fantastic! Do you think you'd like to co-sponsor the bill?

If no: (Please be polite) Why not?

Thank you for your time.

If you'd like, please let TCC know how your call went! Reach out to Conor Pfeifer at Conor@CTpridecenter.org.