

September 28, 2017

Potential Senate & House Co-Sponsors for S.Res. & H.Res. declaring September as “Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month”

Senate Resolution by Christopher Coons (D, DE)

4 Senate Cosponsors as of 09/27/17 ~ Crapo (R, ID), Klobuchar (D, MN), Murphy (D, CT), & Hatch (R, UT)

Senate Co-Sponsor Requests sent by PFA on 09/19 & 21/2017 (12 R's, 2 I and 9 D's = 23 Senators)

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| ➤ Bill Cassidy (R, LA) | ➤ Rand Paul (R, KY) | ➤ Bernie Sanders (I, VT) |
| ➤ Al Franken (D, MN) | ➤ Ben Cardin (D, MD) | ➤ Robert Casey (D, PA) |
| ➤ Tom Cotton (R, AR) | ➤ Richard Burr (R, NC) | ➤ Michael Bennet (D, CO) |
| ➤ Dick Durbin (D, IL) | ➤ Susan Collins (R, ME) | ➤ Sheldon Whitehouse (D, RI) |
| ➤ Angus King (I, ME) | ➤ Todd Young (R, IN) | ➤ Tammy Baldwin (D, WI) |
| ➤ Jim Risch (R, ID) | ➤ Orrin Hatch (R, UT) | ➤ Elizabeth Warren (D, MA) |
| ➤ Johnny Isakson (R, GA) | ➤ Pat Roberts (R, KS) | ➤ Tim Kane (D, VA) |
| | ➤ Tim Scott (R, SC) | |

House Resolution by Rep. Erik Paulsen (R, MN3) + 12R's & 5 D's

16 House Cosponsors as of 09/27/17 ~ Rep. Cohen (D, TN9), Lance (R, NJ7), DeGette (D, CO1), McMorris Rodgers (R, WA5), Guthrie (R, KY2), Wenstrup (R, OH2), Bucshon (R, IN8), Brooks (R, IN5), Roe (R, TN1), Abraham (R, LA5), McGovern (D, MA2), Burgess (R, TX26), Foster (D, IL11), Upton (R, MI6), Bilirakis (R, FL12) & Welch (D, VT)

House Co-Sponsor Requests sent by PFA on 09/20-21/2017 (24 R's and 17 D's = 41 Members)

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| ➤ Frank Pallone (D, NJ6) | ➤ <u>Michael Burgess*</u> (R, TX26) | ➤ Morgan Griffith (R, VA9) |
| ➤ Janice Schakowsky (D, IL9) | ➤ Marsha Blackburn (R, TN7) | ➤ Bill Johnson (R, OH6) |
| ➤ John Shimkus (R, IL15) | ➤ Steve Scalise (R, LA1) | ➤ Billy Long (R, MO7) |
| ➤ Rick Nolan (D, MN8) | ➤ Robert Lata (R, OH5) | ➤ Bill Flores (R, TX17) |
| ➤ Keith Ellison (D, MN5) | ➤ Greg Harper (R, MS3) | ➤ John Sarbanes (D, MD3) |
| ➤ Tom Cole (R, OK4) | ➤ Pete Olson (R, TX 22) | ➤ Jerry McNerney (D, CA9) |
| ➤ Kathy Castor (D, FL14) | ➤ Eliot Engel (D, NY16) | ➤ Ben Lujan (D, NM3) |
| ➤ Bobby Rush (D, IL1) | ➤ Gene Green (D, TX29) | |
| ➤ Anna Eshoo (D, CA18) | ➤ Michael Doyle (D, PA14) | |
| ➤ Greg Walden (R, OR2) | ➤ George Butterfield (D, NC1) | |
| ➤ Joe Barton (R, TX6) | ➤ Doris Matsui (D, CA6) | |
| ➤ Fred Upton (R, MI6) | ➤ David McKinley (R, WV1) | |
| ➤ Tim Murphy (R, PA18) | ➤ Adam Kinzinger (R, IL16) | |

* Michael Burgess, as Chmn. of the E&C Sub on Health, can't cosponsor but will support

Cosponsor requests e-addressed to HCLA's with cc's to CoS and LD (3 requests to each office)

Deadline: COB on Monday, September 25, 2017

Basic e-request copy:

[Addressee] - Please thank Representative _____ for his/her much-valued support for increasing FY2018 funding for the NIH. More than 200,000 Americans suffering from the lethal disease pulmonary fibrosis are grateful for his/her strong and knowledgeable voice.

This week, we need your help – and the Representative's. Please take 3 minutes to make a meaningful difference to 200,000 Americans dying from pulmonary fibrosis (PF). Join **Representatives Erik Paulsen (R, MN3)** and **Steve Cohen (D, TN9)** as a co-sponsor of the attached **H.Res.** declaring September as **Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month**. A companion resolution has already been introduced in the Senate by **Christopher Coons (D, DE)**, **Mike Crapo (R, ID)**, **Amy Klobuchar (D, MN)**, and **Chris Murphy (D, CT)**.

Acting – **by COB Monday 09/25/17** - will give renewed hope to 200,000 pulmonary fibrosis (PF) patients and their families, caregivers, treating physicians and researchers. We lose a PF patient **every 13 minutes ... 110/day ... 40,000+/year**. Bipartisan recognition by Congress of the amazing struggle for those in the PF community, and the ground-breaking research work being done under both NHLBI and CDMRP grants* really IS important.

Signing on is easy. Call Mike Stober in Rep. Paulsen's office at 202.225.2871 or email Mike.Stober@mail.house.gov.

If you have additional questions or concerns about how pulmonary fibrosis impacts your constituents, please Reply to this message or call me at 612.382.7266 and we will do our best to be quickly responsive.

THANK YOU for acting this week on this symbolic, but very important Resolution.

Paul Fogelberg, Patient-Advocate

PS: * While there is no broadly effective treatment for PF (and, obviously no cure), there are at least **136 federally-funded research grants underway** (113 with NHLBI funding and 23 more from the CDMRP). Bi-partisan Congressional action IS making a meaningful difference in the fight against this lethal disease!