

ACTION ALERT



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URGENT PUSH TO GET ALLY'S ACT, H.R. 477
A HEARING THIS YEAR!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP EMAILING AND CALLING
THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES
DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST!**

Please email and call the following individuals in priority order:

Saha Khaterzai is the staff member managing Ally's Act, H.R. 477 for the Energy & Commerce Committee Health team. Her email is saha.khaterzai@mail.house.gov, ph: 202-225-2927. We need her to submit H.R. 477 for a hearing during this session! She needs to receive more calls and emails right away, throughout June and July! We need a hearing for this bill this year!

Email/call script:

"Hello Saha,
My name is X and I would like to bring to your attention a hearing request that has been submitted by Energy and Commerce Committee members for **H.R. 477, also known as Ally's Act**. 350,000 children and adults are often overlooked and denied the right to hear because private insurers deny coverage for cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing systems, even when they are medically necessary! These hearing devices give people their lives back! They are often the only kind of hearing devices our community members can wear due to missing ears, no ear canals, sensorineural hearing loss, losing hearing to a tumor, head trauma, congenital hearing loss or drug ototoxicity from treating medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis. Cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing systems allow children and adults access to life changing treatment, so they can thrive in the community, participate in the workplace and enjoy a high quality of life. H.R. 477 would cost private insurers less than .30 cents per person/per year to cover the services under this bill, which is pennies! Please give our voices and Ally's Act, H.R. 477 the opportunity to be heard during a hearing this year!"

Thank you,

Name:

Contact info:

Please use the following email/call script when reaching out to the following (13)

Representatives in order of priority:

“Dear Congressman X/Congresswoman X,
My name is X and I would like to ask you to co-sponsor H.R. 477, a bipartisan piece of legislation also known as Ally’s Act. 350,000 children and adults are often overlooked and denied the right to hear because private insurers deny coverage for cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing systems, even when they are medically necessary! These hearing devices give people their lives back! They are often the only kind of hearing devices our community members can wear due to missing ears, no ear canals, sensorineural hearing loss, losing hearing to a tumor, head trauma, congenital hearing loss or drug ototoxicity from treating medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis. Cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing systems allow children and adults access to life changing treatment, so they can thrive in the community, participate in the workplace and enjoy a high quality of life. H.R. 477 would cost private insurers less than .30 cents per person/per year to cover the services under this bill!

A hearing has been requested by House Energy and Commerce Committee members and I would like to ask you to co-sponsor H.R. 477 as a member who sits on this committee. Congressman David McKinley is this bill’s original co-sponsor as well as the only member of Congress who wears a cochlear implant. Congressman McKinley’s grandson wears a bone anchored hearing device as well, just like Ally, the little girl this bill honors.

Thank you,

Name:

Contact info:

1. **Congressman Morgan Griffith** (Virginia) – email Senior Policy Director, Emily Mace at Emily.Mace@mail.house.gov, ph: (202) 225-3861.
2. **Congressman Michael Burgess**, (Texas) – email Senior Health Policy Advisor, Jacquelyn Incerto at jacquelyn.incerto@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-7772.
3. **Congressman Larry Bucshon**, (Indiana) – email Chief of Staff, Kyle Jackson at Kyle.Jackson@mail.house.gov (202)225-4636.
4. **Congressman John Curtis**, (Utah) – email Legislative Assistant, Colleen Malloy at colleenmalloy.white@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-7751.
5. **Congressman Dan Crenshaw** (Texas) – email Energy and Commerce Policy Director, Hannah Anderson at hannah.anderson@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-6565.
6. **Congressman Fred Upton** (Michigan) – email Legislative Director, Mark Ratner at mark.ratner@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-3761.
7. **Congressman Adam Kinzinger** (Illinois) – email Policy Advisor, Paul Laurie at paul.laurie@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-3635.
8. **Congressman Robert Latta** (Ohio) – email Legislative Assistant, Paul Hartman at paul.hartman@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-6405.
9. **Congressman Brett Guthrie** (Kentucky) – email Legislative Director, Brian Fahey at

brian.fahey@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-3501.

10. **Congressman Gus Bilirakis** (Florida) – email Senior Policy Advisor, Chris Jones at cjones@mail.house.gov, 202-225-5755.

11. **Congressman Billy Long** (Missouri) – email Deputy Chief of Staff, Ben Elleson at ben.elleson@mail.house.gov, (202)225-6536.

12. **Congressman Tim Walberg** (Michigan) – email Legislative Director, Joanna Brown at joanna.brown@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-6276.

13. **Congressman Kelly Armstrong** (North Dakota), - email Legislative Aide, Connor Crowley at connor.crowley@mail.house.gov, (202) 225-2611.

For additional information on Ally's Act, H.R. 477, please visit:
<https://earcommunity.org/about/allys-act-h-r-5485/>