

IMF Constituent Template Letter to Member of Congress

Date

The Honorable INSERT FIRST/LAST NAME
United States House of Representatives/Senate
Room Number and Office Building
Washington, DC 20515/20510

Dear Representative/Senator LAST NAME:

I am writing to you as your constituent and as a myeloma (*patient, doctor, nurse, caregiver, etc*) to INSERT YOUR PURPOSE FOR WRITING (*If your letter pertains to a specific piece of legislation, identify it accordingly, e.g., House bill: H. R. _____, Senate bill: S. _____*).

INSERT PERSONAL INFORMATION HERE: *Tell your own story or a patient's (being mindful not to use anyone's real name) and explain the relevance to the issue at hand. Personal stories and illustrations of local impact are remembered more easily by policymakers and their staff than statistics and generic examples. Moreover, personal stories often are what spur policymakers to action, not statistics. The reality is that our policymakers often legislate by anecdote.*

Myeloma is a cancer in the bone marrow affecting production of red cells, white cells, and stem cells. Myeloma is the second most common blood cancer after lymphomas affecting an estimated 750,000 people worldwide and its prevalence appears to be increasing significantly. In 2009, 20,580 Americans were diagnosed with myeloma and 10,580 lost their battle with this disease.

Thank you very much for your attention to my correspondence and for your continued commitment to finding a cure for myeloma. If I can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

FIRST NAME LAST NAME
STREET ADDRESS
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER
E-MAIL