



## Email Template to Legislator

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Dear Representative / Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

As your constituent, and an advocate with [insert organization], I am asking you to cosponsor H.R. 3119/S. 2748, the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) to expand patient access to palliative care services.

Palliative care is appropriate at any age, and at any stage of a serious illness. Palliative care focuses on improving patient quality of life, and relieving suffering for individuals with serious and chronic health conditions starting at point of diagnosis, and onward. It is a team-based approach that involves doctors, nurses, social workers, and other specialists to provide an extra layer of support alongside curative treatments. [Personalized message, “here is how palliative care helped me/why I wish I had palliative care” etc.]

PCHETA would establish Palliative Care and Hospice Education Centers to improve the training of health professionals in the core competencies of palliative care, would establish a national campaign to inform patients, families and health professionals about the benefits of palliative care services, and would direct NIH to expand research in the areas of palliative care, pain and symptom management.

This is a vital moment in the effort to expand patient access to palliative, and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. I appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,