Guide to Using the Healthcare For All, Y’all Congressional Packet

➔ Locate All Your District’s Candidates and the Incumbent Across All Political Parties:

➔ Recommended Steps Prior to Calling:
1. Review each candidate or incumbent’s positions on healthcare on their website. It’s best if you can comment on what you see during the call to demonstrate you have done your homework. Adjust the script appropriately for those already expressing support for HR1384. Their website will also have their contact information.
2. For incumbents only:
   a. Find out whether they have joined the Medicare for All Caucus at this link:
      https://bit.ly/2NOmEZV
   b. Find out whether they have joined as a co-sponsor for HR1384 at this link: https://bit.ly/2npS7a9

NOTE: Organizing a group of constituents to go together can make a louder statement. Depending on distance and availability, Healthcare For All, Y’all may be able send a member to attend the meeting with you, or review the packet with you via Hangouts or phone prior to your meeting. Please let us know how we can support your efforts by sending us a private message on www.facebook.com/HealthcareForAllYall or an email to healthcare4allyall@gmail.com

***Remember to collect relevant email addresses and phone numbers for staffers/candidates during the calls!

➔ Suggested Scripts Below if Needed, and Adjust Based on What You Learn in Your Research:

◆ D/I/L/G/Other Party Candidate: Hello my name is __________, and I am a would-be constituent of (the candidate) living in (name of city/town). I am very concerned about the rising costs of healthcare and how more and more people are finding it harder to access quality, affordable care. Supporting health care reform that covers all our people and controls costs will definitely help your campaign. A recent Reuters’ poll found that 85% of Democrats, 52% of Republicans, and 70% of Americans overall support Medicare for All, so universal health care is popular with voters. I would like to share how it is cost-effective and financially feasible which will help you on the campaign trail. I can go over it in 15 mins so [the candidate] will have all the relevant data when questions come up.

◆ R Party Candidate: Hello my name is __________, and I am a would-be constituent of (the candidate) living in (name of city/town). I am very concerned about the rising costs of healthcare and how more and more people are finding it harder to access quality, affordable healthcare. In fact, in a recent article from Marketwatch, 69% of respondents (your voters) said they wouldn’t be able to afford a $1,000 ER visit. The recently-released Reuters poll shows that 52% of Republicans and 70% overall support Medicare for All, so universal health care is popular with voters. I would like to share how it is cost-effective and financially feasible which will help you on the campaign trail. I can go over it in 15 mins so they will have all the relevant data when questions come up.

◆ Congressperson Not Listed as HR1384 CoSponsor: Hello my name is __________, and I am a constituent of the Congress(wo)man living in (name of city/town). I am very concerned about the rising costs of healthcare and how more and more people are finding it harder to access quality affordable healthcare. I would like to discuss this issue in greater detail with <Congress(wo)man (last name)> . This would definitely help attract more voters to their reelection campaign. As you may know, a recent Reuters’ poll found that 85% of Democrats,
52% of Republicans, and 70% of Americans overall support Medicare for All. I would like to share information about how Medicare for All is cost-effective and financially feasible with specific facts that might help you on the campaign trail. I just would like 15 mins to go over this information so they will have all the relevant data when questions come up.

**Congressperson Listed as HR1384 CoSponsor, but Hasn't Joined Medicare for All Caucus:** Hello my name is __________, and I am a constituent of the Congress(wo)man living in (name of city/town). I want to thank the Congress(wo)man for co-sponsoring HR1384, the Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act. I am very concerned about the rising costs of healthcare and how more and more people are finding it harder to access quality, affordable care. I would like to discuss this issue in greater detail with <Congress(wo)man (last name)>. A strong position during the campaign will help their popularity as a recent Reuters' poll shows that 85% of Democrats, 52% of Republicans, and 70% of Americans overall support Medicare for All. I would like to share information about how Medicare for All is cost-effective and financially feasible with specific facts that might help you on the campaign trail. I can go over it in 15 mins so they will have all the relevant data when questions come up. ***Remember to ask them to become a champion and join the Medicare For All Caucus at the close of the meeting.***

**Congressperson Listed as HR1384 CoSponsor and on Medicare for All Caucus:** Hello my name is __________, and I am a constituent of Rep. ______________ living in (name of city/town). I want to thank the Congress(wo)man for their strong championship of HR1384, the Expanded and Improved Medicare For All Act. I would like to support [the candidate’s] reelection bid by providing clear information about Medicare for All’s financial feasibility with concise reference sheets. I can go over it in 15 mins so they will have accurate data when questions come up.

Did You Get a Meeting Time?

**Yes:** That’s wonderful. What are some dates/times that would work for <the candidate/congress(wo)man> and the contact for the person who will put it in their schedule. I really appreciate <the candidate/congress(wo)man> taking time out of their busy schedule to meet with constituents to discuss this issue. I will be back in touch shortly.

**No:** It is essential that we get this information to _______________. Would it be possible to set up a phone meeting with the <candidate/congress(wo)man>?

**Yes:** That’s wonderful. What are some dates/times that would work for <the candidate/congress(wo)man> and the contact for the person who will put it in their schedule. I really appreciate <the candidate/congress(wo)man> taking time out of their busy schedule to meet with constituents to discuss this issue. I will be back in touch shortly.

**No:** in-person meeting with the health policy aide to discuss this information?

**Yes:** What date/time works best? (Get the name and contact information of the aide and schedule).

**No:** Would it be possible to set up a phone meeting with the policy aide?

**Yes:** What date/time works best? (Get the name and contact information of the aide and schedule). **NOTE:** For those who are already co-sponsoring HR1384 at a minimum, email the packet the day before the scheduled meeting to give them an opportunity to read.

**No:** We would like to email and drop off a packet of information so <candidate/congress(wo)man> can review it. **NOTE:** Email directly to Candidate/Congress(wo)man even if they say No and paste documents directly into email if going to a current member of the US House. Attachments may not be able to be opened due to security.
Yes: When is a good time to come by the local office to deliver a packet?
No: What is the best mailing address for me to send printed materials and to whose attention should I flag it?

➤ **Files to Download for Printing and Emailing**

1) The Cover Letter and Packet -
   [https://drive.google.com/file/d/16wcmoLqCFfLUYar04_JtErFGkyhHxGt-/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/16wcmoLqCFfLUYar04_JtErFGkyhHxGt-/view)

2) A Personalized Letter from You - *(optional)*

3) Healthcare for All Y’all Fact Sheet -
   [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IhBXDNB1k3fC1AY4XSEbH2_M2KBkLAAI/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IhBXDNB1k3fC1AY4XSEbH2_M2KBkLAAI/view?usp=sharing)

➤ **1 Day After Meeting (or ASAP)**

1. Email a thank you message to the person who met with you. Attach the documents above to the email so they will have an electronic copy for future reference. Also copy the Candidate/Congress(wo)man on the email if you didn’t meet with them.

2. Please use our tracking sheet to let us know who you talked with, your notes from the call, and whether you have further questions we can help answer [https://goo.gl/forms/KhVblGGtH7MhOk8H2](https://goo.gl/forms/KhVblGGtH7MhOk8H2)