



You can help make childbirth safer in the U.S

Ask your Representative and Senators to co-sponsor the **Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017 (H.R. 1318)** and **Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017 (S. 1112)**.

How to contact your Representative and Senators

1. Find your Representative and Senators

House of Representatives:

- Identify your Representative at www.house.gov by your zip code
- Check if your Representative is already co-sponsoring the bill, H.R.1318, by going to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1318> and clicking on the co-sponsors tab
- If your Representative is not already a co-sponsor, call her or his office and ask to speak to the health legislative assistant
- Tell the health legislative assistant that you'd like your Representative to co-sponsor H.R.1318, Preventing Maternal Deaths Act of 2017. Here is a draft script for your message during the call:

"My name is [INSERT NAME], and I am a constituent from your district. I'm calling to ask that Representative [NAME] co-sponsor H.R.1318, the Preventing Maternal Deaths Act. This bipartisan bill will support our state in putting an end to preventable maternal deaths.

This bill is important to me because [share your experience or an experience to someone close to you]. Please consider cosponsoring this important legislation. Is it possible to get your email? I'd like to follow-up via email after this conversation. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me."

Senate:

- Identify your Senators at www.senate.gov by your state
- Check if your Senators are already cosponsoring the bill S.1112 by going to <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/1112/related-bills> and clicking on the co-sponsors tab
- If your Senators are not already co-sponsoring the bill, call his/her office and ask to speak to the health legislative assistant

- Tell the health legislative assistant that you'd like your Senator to cosponsor S.1112, Maternal Health Accountability Act of 2017. Below is a draft script for your message during this call.

"My name is [INSERT NAME] and I am a constituent from your state. I'm calling to ask that Senator [NAME] cosponsor S.1112, the Maternal Health Accountability Act. This bipartisan bill will support our state in putting an end to preventable maternal deaths.

This bill is important to me because [share your experience or an experience to someone close to you]. Please consider co-sponsoring this important legislation. Would it be possible to get your email? I'd like to follow-up via email after this conversation. Thank you for taking the time to speak with me."

2. Send a follow-up email

- Send a follow up email to the legislative assistant you spoke with. If they did not provide their email, these are how emails are structured for each of the chambers of Congress:
 - House: firstname.lastname@mail.house.gov
 - Senate: firstname_lastname@senatorlastname.senate.gov
- Summarize the conversation you had with the staff member, reiterate your request for the Representative/Senator to co-sponsor the respective bills, and restate your appreciation for them taking the time to speak with you.