



Dear \_\_\_\_\_ ,

The **Scleroderma Research and Awareness Act** gives me HOPE. The Act will provide funding for researchers to find a cure. As a constituent of your district, I sincerely urge you to sign this Bill.

Sincerely,

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**“PLEASE CO-SPONSOR THE SCLERODERMA RESEARCH AND AWARENESS BILL H.R. 2408**

- Directs the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases at the National Institutes of Health to expand research to scleroderma. Priority areas include:
  - ◇ Development and evaluation of new treatment.
  - ◇ Research on the relationship between scleroderma and secondary conditions including pulmonary hypertension, gastroparesis, Raynaud’s phenomenon and Sjorgen’s syndrome.
  - ◇ Establishment of family and “child-onset” patient registries.
  - ◇ Support for training of new investigators
- Directs the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to establish a scleroderma public awareness campaign highlighting disease symptoms, prevalence, related conditions, and the importance of early diagnosis.

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