



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 become a co-sponsor of this Bill.

Sincerely,

PLEASE CO-SPONSOR S. 649, THE “SCLERODERMA RESEARCH AND AWARENESS ACT”

Introduced on March 17th, 2011 by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), this legislation:

- ◇ Directs the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases to expand research related to scleroderma. Priority areas include:
 - ◇ Development and evaluation of new treatments.
 - ◇ 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 the 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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