



Dear Health Legislative Assistant,

My name is _____ . I am one of your constituents, and I live in _____ .

I write you today to ask you to co-sponsor the *National Commission on Scleroderma and Fibrotic Diseases Act of 2017* (H.R. 4638). This legislation is important to me and to other individuals and families across the country who are affected by scleroderma and fibrotic illness (such as pulmonary fibrosis and liver fibrosis).

H.R. 4638 will establish a National Commission on Fibrotic Diseases within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate and to make recommendations regarding improvements to the coordination and advancement of NIH-supported research activities related to fibrosis and fibrotic diseases, which may include scleroderma as a prototypical condition that can cause fibrosis in various organs. **At no additional cost to the federal government**, the National Commission on Scleroderma and Fibrotic Diseases Act of 2017 establishes a national commission to include the following:

- Study of the incidence, duration, and mortality rates of fibrotic diseases.
- Evaluate facilities and resources for the diagnosis, prevision and treatment of fibrotic diseases.
- Develop a long-range plan for the use and organization of national resources to effectively advance research and effectively deal with fibrotic diseases.

Please become a co-sponsor of the *National Commission on Scleroderma and Fibrotic Diseases Act of 2017* (H.R. 4638) by contacting either Deena Tauster in the office of Congressman Peter King at 5-7896 (Deena.Tauster@mail.house.gov) or Catherine Rowland in the office of Congressman Elliot Engel at 5-2464 (Catherine.Rowland@mail.house.gov).

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Constituent Name _____

Street Address/P.O. Box _____

City _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Date _____