

## 2019 Congressional Visits Info and Tips

### Congressional Building Information

House Office Buildings (Independence Avenue)

- Cannon (CHOB) --- Dining in Room B114- smaller cafe
- Longworth (LHOB) --- Dining in Room B223- largest cafeteria on House side
- Rayburn (RHOB) --- Dining in Room B357- smaller cafe

Senate Office Buildings (Constitution Avenue)

- Hart (HSOB)
- Dirksen (DSOB) --- Dining found on the basement level- largest cafeteria on Senate side
- Russell (RSOB) --- Dining found on the basement level- smaller cafe

### Congressional Meeting Protocol and Follow Up

- 1.) **Start with why you are there:** “We are in Washington as part of a National Conference asking Congress to protect access to specialized equipment (Complex Rehab Technology) that people with disabilities depend on to reduce healthcare costs and maximize independence.”
- 2.) **Introduce yourselves and convey why the Member should care:** Who are you; who do you represent (votes); give personal perspective on importance of CRT.
- 3.) **Review the issues and the “ASKS”:** (Priority 1) Stop Medicare from inappropriately applying DME Competitive Bid pricing to Complex Rehab Manual Wheelchair Accessories – ***Cosponsor and pass HR-2293 and S-1223***; (Priority 2) Create a Medicare Separate Benefit Category for CRT to provide separate recognition and comprehensive improvements in coverage and safeguards – ***Cosponsor and pass HR-2408***.
- 4.) **Ask if there are any questions and respond as needed:** If they ask something you do not know, it’s fine to just acknowledge that and indicate that you will get back to them with an answer.
- 5.) **Ask for Commitment:** If they need to review further, ask if you can follow up in a week to get the answer. If they say they won’t sign on, find out why. Don’t be argumentative, but give a friendly counter/alternative and restate you really need their support.
- 6.) **Identify and carry out (or delegate) needed follow up:** Remember your follow up is KEY. Polite persistence wins the day. Follow up post-conference to secure their commitment.

**CRT Conference Break Room** --- We have a “break room” for attendees open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Longworth House Office Building - Room 1604.

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**See U.S. Capitol Map on Reverse Side.**