

FDA and Clinical Trial Reform

Sample Phone Call Script

Below is a sample phone script advocates can use when calling lawmakers' offices urging them to support the omnibus agreement and the proposed FDA and Clinical Trial Reforms within. Feel free to edit it for your needs.

1. **Find the phone number of the lawmaker** – Use the [Find Officials](#) tool on this website to look up your lawmaker and find the Capitol Office number.
2. **Introduce yourself to the person who answers the phone:** Most likely a staff member will answer the phone. Introduce yourself to the staff member and tell them exactly where you live. This reiterates to them that you are a constituent!

Sample: *My name is Sheila Smith and I live on First Ave in Rockville, Maryland. I am living with a neuromuscular disease. Thank you for taking my call this afternoon.*

3. **Tell your story:** Sharing your **personal story** is the most effective way to get the attention of policymakers and it makes all the difference in your advocacy. This will show why the public policy you are supporting is important to you and your family.

Make sure to include:

- a. How you got involved with MDA and a little bit about what it does.
- b. Connect your story to these FDA and clinical trial reforms. Make this part as personal as possible and give real life examples of how you hope to obtain a safer, more effective treatment for your or your loved one's condition.

Sample: *When I was diagnosed, I immediately looked to participate in clinical trials for promising new therapies. But unfortunately I didn't qualify because the eligibility criteria was too narrow.*

OR

Sample: *I really hope there will be a safe and truly effective treatment for my condition one day that slows or maybe even halts the disease progression. That's why new treatments, and FDA approval processes, are important to me.*

4. **Make the ask:** At this time, make the ask of the lawmaker. Urge them to support the omnibus agreement and proposed FDA and clinical trial reforms within. It is vital you make this specific as possible.

Sample: *I am asking Senator Jones to support the omnibus agreement and the proposed FDA and clinical trial reforms within. This includes clinical trial diversity reforms, accelerated approval pathway improvements, and reauthorization of FDA rare disease programs. Please ensure the end-of-year package passes.*