



## Lobbying Instructions for State 2020 Coordinators

We are asking for all GSMD members who live in the US to contact their Members of Congress to ask them to sign on as Co-Sponsors of S.1715 in the Senate or HR.2890 in the House of Representatives. We have learned that the best way to do this is generally to contact staff members in DC, especially the Chiefs of Staff or the Legislative Directors who have direct contact with their Senators and Congressmen. Before these Bills can pass through their committees and come to the floor, it is necessary for them to be co-sponsored by 2/3 of the members of each house. That means that we need 67 Senators and about 290 Representatives to co-sponsor before the process can even begin. Here is what we need to tell our members:

1. Please send a copy of the email to the staff members for your Representative and two Senators, unless they have already signed on as Co-Sponsors. You should go through the email texts, modifying them to include your name, member society, state of residence, etc., before sending them by email. (Email is preferred to standard letters since it doesn't have to go through lengthy physical security clearance.)
2. If you are not sure of who your Representative is, you can find his or her name at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) by entering your zip code.
3. Find the name of the Chief of Staff or Legislative Director for your Representative and Senators, and send the edited email to them.
4. Please attach a copy of the text of HR.2980 or S.1715 to the letter as mentioned in the text of the letter.
5. You may get a response to your email. If the reply just agrees to support the measure when it reaches the floor of Congress, please get back to the staff person to remind them that we need Co-Sponsors before the Bill can come to the floor. In all cases, please be polite, even if the exchange requires persistence. You may need a couple of messages back & forth, but always thank the staff person for their attention to this matter.

And, **THANK YOU** for your efforts to get these Bills passed to honor the legacy of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Once these coins are issued, we will be justly proud of our efforts to make them a reality.

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