

Contact your representatives by telephone.

If you prefer, you can contact your representative and Senators by telephone. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic some offices may be understaffed and less equipped to take telephone calls. Dial (202) 224-3121 to reach the Capitol Switchboard. An operator can connect you to your representative or Senator's office. If you contact your members of Congress by telephone, please use the talking points below.

Telephone Talking Points:

- I am a constituent from [hometown] and I am [your role] at [name of your laboratory].
- I am also a member of National Independent Laboratory Association ([NILA](#)), which represents regional and community clinical laboratories that often serve communities and patient populations not adequately served by large independent laboratories—including rural areas, underserved inner city neighborhoods, mid- and small-sized cities and municipalities, congregate facilities, and critical access hospitals.
- I am calling to ask that Congress urgently pass supplemental COVID-19 funding that includes additional resources for the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Uninsured Program, which provides coverage of COVID-19 testing for uninsured populations.
- **The HRSA Uninsured Program will stop accepting claims for COVID-19 testing and treatment on March 22nd due to lack of sufficient funds.**
- Without additional federal funds, community and independent laboratories working across the country will soon be unable to provide COVID-19 testing to vulnerable populations, including the uninsured.
- Describe how your laboratory began to offer COVID-19 testing, including making investments to accommodate it.
- Now is not the time to restrict our COVID-19 testing capacity. Two years after the onset of COVID-19 we continue to see new variants emerge and consistent cases nationwide. Our laboratory infrastructure has been invaluable in providing the testing necessary to track cases and ensure patients take the appropriate steps to mitigate the spread of the virus.
- Please move expeditiously to advance COVID-19 supplemental funding that will sustain HRSA's Uninsured Program and ensure that individuals across the country continue to have access to affordable COVID-19 testing at independent laboratories in their communities.
- Thank you for your time and for making [Representative/Senator's name] aware of my concerns.