



# CALL YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS



Take a few minutes during our Virtual Lobby Campaign Reboot May 14 - 23, 2019 to call your Congressional leaders to let them know how important it is to you for them to support respiratory therapists.

Go to the [AARC TAKE ACTION PAGE](#) and click on the box that describes you best, e.g., RT, RT student, patient, physician, or supporter/friends. Click on the phone icon and complete the information and it will connect to your Congressional leaders.



I am a respiratory therapist (or student, or pulmonary patient, etc.) and I'm from (your town and state).

I'd like to ask Representative \_\_\_\_\_ to co-sponsor the Better Respiration through Expanding Access to Tele-Health Act (the BREATHE Act) H.R. 2508, introduced May 2, 2019.

[**Note:** If calling a Senator ask for introduction of companion legislation.]

- This 3-year telehealth pilot includes respiratory therapists (RTs) as telehealth practitioners to furnish chronic disease management services to Medicare beneficiaries with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).
- The purpose is to assist Medicare in gathering data that can demonstrate the expertise RTs bring to the health care system and their patients through improved outcomes and lower costs.
- \* Educating patients on the triggers and symptoms of COPD and helping them manage their disease can help alleviate costly emergency room visits and hospital readmissions.

I appreciate your consideration of this request to improve access to skilled respiratory therapists telehealth practitioners.