

## CEREBRAL PALSY ALLIANCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

### CP AWARENESS MONTH RESOURCES

MARCH 2025

#### SAMPLE SCRIPT TO CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

##### Introduce Yourself:

*"Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a [constituent/supporter of disability rights/advocate for cerebral palsy awareness] from [Your City, State]. I'm calling to ask [Representative/Senator's Name] to protect funding for cerebral palsy research."*

##### Make Your Request:

*"Cerebral palsy is the most common lifelong physical disability, affecting more than a million people in the U.S., yet research funding remains critically low. Increased federal funding would drive medical advancements, improve treatments, and enhance assistive technology for people with CP. Will [Representative/Senator's Name] protect NIH funding, support increased research for cerebral palsy, and ensure workers are reinstated.?"*

(Pause for response.)

##### Personalize It (Optional):

*"This issue is personal to me because [share your connection to CP or why this matters to you]."*

##### Close with Gratitude:

*"Thank you for your time and for considering these critical issues. I hope [Representative/Senator's Name] will stand with the CP community and support increased research funding and disability rights protections."*

**Prefer to Email Instead?** See next page.

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 **SAMPLE EMAIL TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES**

**Subject:** Support Cerebral Palsy Research & Strengthen Section 504 Protections

Dear [Representative/Senator's Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a [constituent/advocate/supporter of disability rights] from [Your City, State]. I am reaching out to urge you to protect federal funding for **cerebral palsy (CP) research**.

Cerebral palsy is the most common lifelong physical disability, affecting **over a million people in the U.S.**, yet it remains one of the most underfunded conditions in medical research. Increased investment in CP research will drive critical advancements in treatment, assistive technology, and overall quality of life for individuals with CP. Will you **protect NIH funding**, support increased research for cerebral palsy, and ensure workers are reinstated?

This issue is deeply personal to me because *[share your connection to CP or why this matters to you]*. I appreciate your time and consideration and hope you will stand with the CP community by advocating for this critical funding.

I look forward to your response and to seeing your support for people with disabilities.

Thank you for your leadership.

Best regards,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or City, State] *(optional)*

[Your Email] *(optional)*