

Champion Scale Tool

Members of Congress (MoCs) don't often come into office as champions on hepatitis or liver disease issues. The Champion Scale is a tool to help us move MoCs, step by step, toward becoming champions on hepatitis B and C and Liver Cancer. Use this tool to assess decision makers, develop strategies, track learning and progress, and celebrate progress.



MoC Name: _____ Point Person: _____ RESULTS Group: _____ Issue: _____ Date: _____

Tips for Getting Started with this Tool:

<input type="checkbox"/> Research the MoC's background and voting history on the issues at www.results.org <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate the MoC and determine where they are on the champion scale for each issue <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Always</u> make requests just above their current level to encourage them to move up <input type="checkbox"/> Use stories that personalize the issue & move the MoC emotionally	<input type="checkbox"/> When meeting, always begin by acknowledging them <input type="checkbox"/> Listen carefully to everything they say for clues about where they are on the champion scale
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Level Name, Objectives	Determining Their Level – They Might Say:	Moving Them to the Next Level:
<p>Level: 4 Champion</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Inquire on creating new legislative initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Help MoC see that his/her efforts as a Champion are worth while.	<input type="checkbox"/> "I will build the support and visibility needed to make sure this passes." <input type="checkbox"/> "I will walk this around the floor and make sure it happens." <input type="checkbox"/> "Can I count on the full support of your organization on this?" <input type="checkbox"/> "What do we need to do to make this happen?"	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to author and shepherd legislation through. <input type="checkbox"/> Enlist RESULTS staff & grassroots in achieving what MoC has set out to achieve. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to talk and/or write to leadership and report back. <input type="checkbox"/> Let MoC know he/she has support of entire organization (staff & network) when leading. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage member to join key committees. <input type="checkbox"/> Hold regular meetings with key DC aide(s) every 1-2 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide regular positive feedback on MoC's action via letters, events, and media. <input type="checkbox"/> Look for opportunities to put MoC in contact with people affected by the issues. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate community support for his/her actions. <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to sit on their community advisory panels and to provide other input. <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to organize public events with the MoC (forums, radio, TV, etc). <input type="checkbox"/> Get member to draft or sign on to 4 or more opeds per year. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask member to speak on conference call, IC. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to initiate a sign-on letter on an issue. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to hold a briefing or hearing on an issue working with our DC staff.
<p>Level: 3 Leader</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Inspire MoC to become more by providing a vision of what it means to be a champion: using examples inside and outside of Congress. <input type="checkbox"/> Help MoC stake out his/her champion terrain on our issues.	<input type="checkbox"/> "I will get the support to help this pass." <input type="checkbox"/> "I will introduce this bill or be a co-leader on this letter." <input type="checkbox"/> "I will speak to leadership and let you know." <input type="checkbox"/> "I will speak on the floor about this." <input type="checkbox"/> "Yes, I will write an oped on this." <input type="checkbox"/> "Yes, I will offer the amendment." <input type="checkbox"/> "Yes, organizing a hearing would be a good idea."	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to talk and/or write to leadership and report back. <input type="checkbox"/> Let MoC know he/she has support of entire organization (staff & network) when leading. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage member to join key committees. <input type="checkbox"/> Hold regular phone meetings with key DC aide(s) every 1-2 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings. <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to organize public events with the MoC (townhalls, forums, radio, TV, etc). <input type="checkbox"/> Provide regular positive feedback on MoC's action via letters, events, and media. <input type="checkbox"/> Look for opportunities to put MoC in contact with people affected by the issues including encouraging MoC to visit projects on the ground that address our issues. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate community support for his/her actions. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a colleague in MoC's state, caucus, interest group to join him/her in taking an action. <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to sit on their community advisory panels and to provide other input. <input type="checkbox"/> Get member to draft or sign on to 3 or more opeds per year. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to hold a briefing or hearing on an issue working with our DC staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to initiate a sign-on letter on an issue.

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<p>Level: 2 Advocate</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage MoC to consider taking individualized actions that go beyond the basics and demonstrate leadership. <input type="checkbox"/> Help MoC find and deliver on his/her passion around one or more issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> "I will talk to my colleagues & leadership and urge them to support this." <input type="checkbox"/> "I might be willing to write an op-ed on this." <input type="checkbox"/> "I would sign on to a letter supporting this and engage others." <input type="checkbox"/> "People in our community should know about this. " 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask MoC to talk and/or write to leadership and report back. <input type="checkbox"/> Let MoC know he/she has support of entire organization (staff & network) when leading. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage member to join key committees. <input type="checkbox"/> Hold regular phone meetings with key DC aide(s) every 1-2 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide regular positive feedback on MoC's action via letters, events, and media. <input type="checkbox"/> Look for opportunities to put MoC in contact with people affected by the issues including encouraging MoC to visit projects on the ground that address our issues.. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate community support for his/her actions. <input type="checkbox"/> Offer to organize public events with the MoC (forums, radio, TV, etc). <input type="checkbox"/> Get member to sign on to 2 or more opeds per year. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask member to speak on conference call, IC. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a colleague in MoC's state, caucus, interest group to join him/her in taking an action. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask the MoC to initiate their own "Dear Colleague" letter.
<p>Level: 1 Supporter</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Move MoC beyond taking basic action toward being vocal (in media, public, and hearings) and enrolling colleagues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> "If it gets to the floor I will vote for it. You should talk to the MoCs who don't support this." <input type="checkbox"/> "I might co-sign an op-ed." <input type="checkbox"/> "Who else are you talking to?" <input type="checkbox"/> "I believe in this. We are on the same page." <input type="checkbox"/> "I will co-sponsor the legislation." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Request regular meetings with key DC aide(s) every 1-2 months. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide regular positive feedback on MoC's action via letters and media. <input type="checkbox"/> Look for opportunities to put MoC in contact with people affected by the issues including encouraging MoC to visit projects on the ground that address our issues. <input type="checkbox"/> Always ask that MoC do more than take the basic action (sign the letter <u>and</u> get committee colleagues to sign). <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate community support for his/her actions <input type="checkbox"/> Ask a colleague in MoC's state, caucus, interest group to join him/her in taking an action.
<p>Level: 0 Neutral--Uninformed</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Educate on issue or cause. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine and start to build areas of support. <input type="checkbox"/> Reach aides and decision-maker at emotional level <input type="checkbox"/> Get them to take an action. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> "Why should I support this?" <input type="checkbox"/> "Tell me more about this." <input type="checkbox"/> "Which other MoCs of Congress are supporting this?" <input type="checkbox"/> "Do you have more information?" <input type="checkbox"/> "What are you asking me to do?" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask for action on their hot button topics. <input type="checkbox"/> Tell them stories that leave them moved by our issues. <input type="checkbox"/> Research MoC's interests and background to find ways to show how RESULTS aligns w/their interests. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings.
<p>Level: -1 Opponent</p> <p>Objectives at This Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Weaken their opposition; move them toward neutral. <input type="checkbox"/> Find common ground between your point of view and theirs. <input type="checkbox"/> Educate MoC on issues in way he/she can relate to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> "I can't meet with your group." <input type="checkbox"/> "I won't/can't support this." <input type="checkbox"/> "It's not a problem" <input type="checkbox"/> "Your solution will not fix this." <input type="checkbox"/> "My constituents will not support this." <input type="checkbox"/> "We don't have money for that, it's not a priority." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get the ear of the key aide first <input type="checkbox"/> Share stories (DVD, spoken word) with MoCs and aides that leave them moved on the issues. <input type="checkbox"/> Research MoC's interests and background to find ways to show how RESULTS aligns w/their interests. Use his/her website and other sources. <input type="checkbox"/> Find foothold with one issue, or one aspect of one issue. <input type="checkbox"/> Be persistent about getting in front of MoC in meetings and public gatherings.

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