



Write Your Elected Officials

**Write your state and local elected representatives.
Tell them you want viral hepatitis moved to the
top of their health agenda.**

SAMPLE LETTER

May 9, 2019

The Honorable John Adams
United States Senate
400 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Senator Adams: [or Representative for House]

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My name is Jane Doe. I am an outreach worker at People Matter in Any town, USA. I encourage you to cosponsor *Liver Illness Visibility, Education and Research Act of 2019*. This important legislation is in response to evidence of liver cancer, hepatitis B as a major cause of liver cancer, and liver illness that disproportionately impact the Asian American and Latino communities.

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In 2018, approximately 42,220 people in the United States will be diagnosed with primary liver cancer, and approximately 30,200 will die from the disease. Asian and Pacific Islander men and women are more than twice as likely to develop liver cancer compared to the non-Hispanic White population. The most common causes of liver cancer include Hepatitis B virus and Hepatitis C virus infection.

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The Liver Illness Visibility, Education and Research Act of 2019 creates the following initiatives:

- Creates new Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant program for research into conditions known to increase an individual's risk of contracting major liver diseases, including liver cancer, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C.
- Creates new CDC grant program for liver cancer prevention activities (such as screenings, vaccination, and treatment for liver cancer, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, and Cirrhosis of the liver)
- Creates new CDC grant program for liver cancer awareness activities, including production and distribution of public informational materials targeted towards communities at a higher risk for liver disease.

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Every day we witness the effects of untreated treated hepatitis C in our community. I have lost a family member due to liver cancer and it is imperative that we stop the premature deaths associated with liver disease.

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We urge you to make liver cancer and liver cancer research a leading health priority in Congress by funding liver cancer research, prevention and awareness activities. Please support *The Liver Illness Visibility, Education and Research Act of 2019*

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Thank you for your time and your continued dedication to the people of Any Town and our health.

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Sincerely,

Jane Doe
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City, State, Zip Code