

**Allergy & Asthma Network urges your support for the following bills in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress:**

BILL #	TITLE	DETAILS
H.R. --	FY20 Labor HHS and Education Appropriations bill	Funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDC's National Asthma Control Program – <i>request \$34 M.</i></li> <li>• NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute's NHLBI- National Asthma Education and Prevention Program.</li> <li>• NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.</li> </ul>
H.R. --	FY20 Transportation and HUD Appropriations bill	Funding for HUD's Healthy Homes Program.
H.R. --	FY20 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill	Funding for EPA's asthma research, education and outreach initiatives.
<a href="#">H.R. 1243</a> / <a href="#">S. 523</a>	Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act of 2019	Directs HHS to develop a national strategic action plan and program to assist health professionals and systems in preparing for and responding to the public health effects of climate change, and for other purposes.  <i>Introduced by Rep. Matthew Cartwright (D-PA) / Senator Ed Markey (D-MA)</i>
<a href="#">H.R. 2117</a>	Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education and Research (FASTER) Act	Requires that sesame be added to the list of eight allergens for which labeling is currently required. The bill would also provide the CDC with funding to conduct data on allergy prevalence.  <i>Introduced by Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA)</i>
<a href="#">H.R. 2279</a>	Safe Step Act	Requires a group health plan (or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan) to provide an exceptions process for any medication subject to step therapy protocol.  <i>Introduced by Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA) and Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH)</i>
H.R. 2468  <i>Bill text pending</i>	School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act	Increases grant preference to states which implement comprehensive school-based asthma and allergy management programs that include student action plans, and education and training for school staff to administer medications in an emergency.  <i>Introduced by Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN)</i>
H.R. 2508  <i>Bill text pending</i>	Better Respiration Through Expanding Access to Tele-Health (BREATHE) Act	Provides for a pilot program to include respiratory therapists as telehealth practitioners under the Medicare program.  <i>Introduced by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA) with Reps. TJ Cox (R-CA), Earl Carter (R-GA), and Mike Kelly (R-PA)</i>