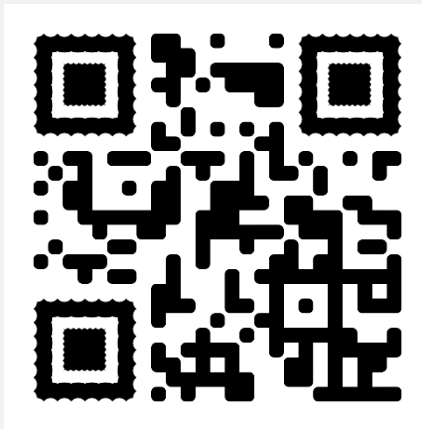


CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

PREPARATION FOR STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL ADVOCACY

- Identify your congressional members
 - What committees are they serving on
 - What is their position on the issue or bill of interest
 - [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) | [Library of Congress](https://www.loc.gov)



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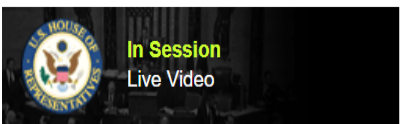
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Current Legislative Activities

117th Congress (2021-2022)

House of Representatives



Today: June 13, 2022
The House convened at 12:00 PM EDT

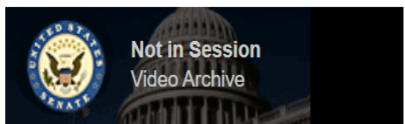
On the Floor Today

- [H.R.7211](#)
- [H.R.6270](#)
- [S.3580](#)

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Previous Meeting: [June 9, 2022](#)

Senate



Next Meeting: June 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM EDT
Previous Meeting: [June 13, 2022](#)

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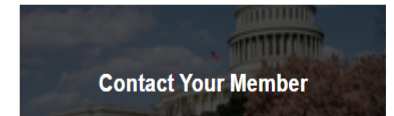
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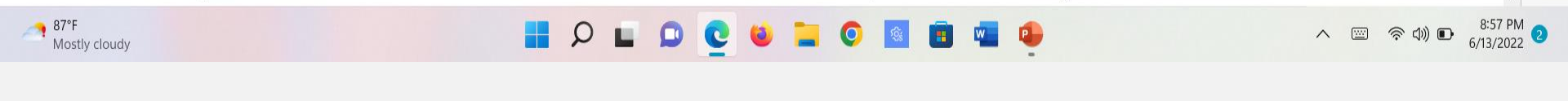


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H.R. 6087: Improving Access to Workers' Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act

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Study Guide

To amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to cover, for purposes of workers' compensation under such chapter, services by physician assistants and nurse practitioners provided to injured Federal workers, and for other purposes.

The bill's titles are written by its sponsor.

Sponsor and status



Joe Courtney

Sponsor. Representative for Connecticut's 2nd congressional district. Democrat



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Length: 3 pages

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PREPARATION

- Identify the bill
 - [GovTrack.us: Tracking the U.S. Congress](#)
 - Answer the Who, What, Which, and Why to prepare for your letter, visit, or call



WHO?

- Sponsorship
 - Is the bill sponsored in both houses?
 - How many have signed on as sponsors?
- Stakeholders
 - Who are the stakeholders?
 - Are they affected positively or negatively?
 - What is the possibility of negative effect on the stakeholders?

WHAT?

- History of bill
 - ▣ Why is the bill being considered?
 - ▣ How did it evolve to its current status?
 - ▣ Is it been down regulated to weaken the law with an amendment?
 - ▣ Will it be more stringent in the guidelines?
 - ▣ What is it replacing?
- Social implications
 - ▣ Will it be more favorable of one group than another?
 - ▣ Statistical support

WHAT?

- Economic implications
 - ▣ How will the cost of the bill be covered?
- Legal implications
 - ▣ Will it override a state law?
- Ethical implications
 - ▣ Will there be harm or (cause) inequity?

WHICH?

- Political Implications
 - Which part of the bill is a pro or con for the legislator?
 - What is the opinion of the constituents?
 - What pressure is the political party using for this bill?

WHY?

- Discuss legislative issues and impact they have on patient care
 - Be clear on your ask – “cosponsor H.R. or S. bill # and title”
 - Real life story: Describe at a high level using a deidentified patient example
 - Focus on access, quality and cost-effectiveness
 - Data speaks volumes (leave a one page brief*)
 - Focus on local impact (your patients/legislator’s constituents)

WHY?

- Questions & Answers (importance of preparation)
 - ▣ If you don't know the answer – be honest and let them know you'll get back to them
 - ▣ Offer to be a resource for questions
- Thank legislator or legislative staff member
- Send follow-up email with summary and reminder you're available

COMMUNICATION ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LEGISLATORS

- Face to Face (live and virtual)
- Email
- Phone Call

ENGAGEMENT: FACE TO FACE

- Rule of Three (Rep. Lauren Underwood GA)
 - ▣ No more than 3 people to visit with staff and/or legislator
 - ▣ No more than 30 minutes for visit
 - ▣ No more than 3 items to discuss
- Introduction
 - ▣ Introduce each person, city and state for Federal
 - ▣ Brief background of the RN/NP role
- Discuss bill

ENGAGEMENT: EMAIL

- Introduce yourself:
 - ▣ Name, city, state
 - ▣ Nursing role
- Compose a letter no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ page of a word document (can cut and paste into email)
 - ▣ Use sections of one page brief
 - ▣ Executive summary of bill
 - ▣ Position on bill (for, against, needs a change)
 - ▣ Provide effect it will have on stakeholders of concern
 - ▣ No attachments (email will go to spam)
 - ▣ Use personal email

ENGAGEMENT: CALL

- Provide name, city, state
- Role as nurse
- Short information on why to support or not

- If calling day of bill being voted, the staff will want to know:
 - Yes, you support the bill or
 - No, you do not support the bill

SHARE

- Share experiences on the GAPNA Exchange
 - ▣ State updates
 - ▣ Federal updates
 - ▣ Check settings to get daily updates

RESOURCES

- GAPNA Website: News and Advocacy sections
- GAPNA Exchange: Health Affairs Committee
- GAPNA Health Affairs Committee on website

