



## Speak Up Now to Protect Your Laboratory!

### Help Us Fix PAMA!

*Is your laboratory suffering from drastic cuts to laboratory test reimbursement?*

*Have you scaled back testing services to the communities you serve?*

*Are you concerned about being forced to layoff staff because of decreased reimbursement?*

*Are you tired of hearing that PAMA reform isn't gaining any traction on Capitol Hill?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions, **we need your help now to pass the LAB Act (HR 3584)**. House committee leadership has expressed interest in passing the LAB Act this year as part of a bigger Medicare package, and August is the perfect time to reach out to your representative's office. Passing the LAB Act is an important step in reforming PAMA and keeping Congress and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) accountable for implementing a market-based system for laboratory test reimbursement.

**NILA's Washington Representatives cannot do this alone.** Remember, Congress sets priorities based on what they hear from constituents. **We need you and every NILA member to reach out to your House Representatives to tell them to cosponsor the LAB Act (HR 3584).**

***Speak now. Speak loudly. Speak often.***

#### **Reaching out is as easy as one quick phone call:**

1. Look up your House Representative with your address [here](#).
2. Once you've identified your representative, click on your representative's name to take you to your representative's website.

3. Find your representative's Washington, DC office telephone number (usually at the bottom of the home page).
4. Pick up the phone, dial, and say the following to the person who answers:

*My name is [your name], and I work at [laboratory name]. I am a constituent and would like to ask Rep. [representative's name] to pass the **LAB Act, HR 3584**, to ensure Medicare beneficiaries continue to have access to high-quality, critical laboratory tests. My laboratory provides these important tests to the community, but I am concerned that I will not be able to continue to provide these essential services due to the drastic cuts in reimbursement forced upon us by the Protecting Access to Medicare Act, or PAMA. The implementation of PAMA was flawed, and as a result, many of the common tests my laboratory performs for Medicare beneficiaries are being cut by 30%. This is not sustainable. The LAB Act is an important and necessary first step to fix PAMA, and it is critical that Rep. [representative's name] support and cosponsor this Bill (**HR 3584**) to preserve laboratory testing services in his/her district. Thank you for your time.*

5. Be sure to leave your name and contact information with the person you speak to.
6. If the person on the phone asks any questions that you cannot answer, email [nila@nila-usa.org](mailto:nila@nila-usa.org), and we will follow up with the appropriate information.

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