



SMASH Act Talking Points & Things to Ask For

What to Ask For When Visiting House Members	What to Ask For When Visiting Senators
Urge Representatives to support H.R. 345 The SMASH Act.	Let Senators know that while legislation is currently only in the House, it will be introduced in the Senate shortly, sponsored by Sen. Angus King.

Background:

- The SMASH Act would extend CDC grants for mosquito control programs to include emerging mosquito-borne diseases and to improve existing control programs.
- The bill would also require a Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on the surveillance and control of mosquito-borne infectious diseases in the United States and territories.

Last Congress:

- The SMASH Act passed the House in the 115th Congress and was included in a wider package on pandemic preparedness in the Senate. (in the 115th, S. 2852 The Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act of 2018 or PAHPAA.)
- Unfortunately, despite broad bipartisan and bicameral support, the larger PAHPAA package did not pass in 2018, and the SMASH Act was re-introduced in the 116th Congress as H.R. 345.

Current Legislation

- HOUSE: H.R. 345 The SMASH Act. H.R. 890 was introduced by Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9) earlier this year (it was introduced in the 115th Congress as H.R. 1310)
- SENATE: A Senate version will be introduced shortly, sponsored by Sen. Angus King (I-ME).
- As part of this legislation, a GAO study would be required; the study will require input from stakeholders on surveillance and control of mosquitoes and will incorporate how the private sector contributes to this surveillance and control.

Why NPMA Cares

- The GAO study would specifically require consultation with the industry on how best to control mosquito-borne infectious diseases.
- This is an example of a way NPMA can reach across the aisle and work with both Democrats and Republicans on a public health issue.
- The bill specifically discusses “public health emergency due to the incidence or prevalence of a mosquito-borne disease that presents a serious public health threat” thereby raising the profile of diseases spread by pests.