



**South Carolina Hemophilia and Bleeding  
Disorders Advocacy Coalition (SCHBDAC)  
and Ambassadors**

**Congressional and  
State Lawmaker**

***District Contact Information  
and  
Outreach Program***



## INTRODUCTION

In an effort to improve relationships with elected officials throughout the year, BDASC staff have put together an outline of quarterly correspondence activities, organized by the seven congressional districts in the state. Each district “team” will elect a team leader that will be responsible for assisting team members throughout the year in accomplishing certain tasks, as well as drafting letters to their U.S. lawmakers.

Each quarter, every district team member will send a letter to their individual *state* representative and *state* senator, and, in quarters one and three, will send letters to all nine members of Congress from South Carolina (two U.S. Senators and seven U.S. Representatives).

Also, this year, we will be utilizing the National Hemophilia Foundation’s Phone2Action Campaign. It is a way to plug in individual advocate information, then easily create a text or email campaign targeting certain lawmakers about pieces of legislations or policy changes being made in government. For instance, if we wanted to voice our support of a particular state bill, it will generate an outreach list of advocates based on criteria we put in (e.g., resident of South Carolina), and send you an individual email that you can then send along to your elected state officials. It will really help us beef up advocacy at the state and national level.

Here is a checklist that spells out what exactly should be accomplished each quarter.

### Quarter 1

- Each district team member writes a letter to their state representative and state senator, letting them know about upcoming Advocacy Days.
- With the assistance of other district team members, seven district leaders send letters to seven U.S. Representatives, letting them know about Washington Days.
- Two district team leaders are elected to send letters to two U.S. Senators, letting them know about Washington Days.

### Quarter 2

- Each district team member writes a letter to their state representative and state senator, inviting them to the upcoming Annual Meeting and thanking them for the proclamation support.

### Quarter 3

- Each district team member writes a letter to their state representative and state senator, letting them know about upcoming District Days and healthcare needs.
- With the assistance of other district team members, seven district leaders send letters to seven U.S. Representatives.
- Two district team leaders (preferably two different ones than in Q1) are elected to send letters to two U.S. Senators.

### Quarter 4

- Each district team member writes a letter to their state representative and state senator, informing them of BDASC goals going into the new year.

Much like the other advocacy work that we do, writing a letter to your elected official is just another way of telling your story. While we want your voice to be authentically “yours,” here are some guidelines for things you may mention in a letter. (Also note that BDASC staff is available at any time to assist with these letters.)

Paragraph 1: Mention that you are a constituent/resident of their district. Give a brief introduction of you and your family, and tell how bleeding disorders impact your life. Perhaps include the definition of hemophilia, “a rare, genetic bleeding disorder that prevents the blood from clotting properly and causes uncontrolled, often spontaneous, bleeding into the joints, and results in pain, swelling, and even permanent damage.” You also may mention any healthcare/health insurance challenges you are currently experiencing, or have experienced in the past. Keep this brief, in the range of four to five sentences—even shorter is okay.

Paragraph 2: Tell them about our upcoming events, including the dates. Tell them how excited you are for the opportunity to meet with them and how grateful you are for their time. Again, keep this paragraph to under five sentences.

Paragraph 3: Tell them you are available for any questions they may have and thank them again.

Below is district contact information for all South Carolina members of Congress and state lawmakers for each team member, as well as sample letters.

## **U.S. SENATORS**

### **U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham**

130 S. Main St., 7<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Greenville, SC 29601  
(864) 250-1417

508 Hampton St.  
Ste. 202  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 933-0112

McMillan Federal Bldg.  
401 W. Evans St., Ste. 111  
Florence, SC 29501  
(843) 669-1505

530 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.  
Ste. 202  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464  
(843) 849-3887

235 E. Main St., Ste. 100  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
(803) 366-2828

124 Exchange St., Ste. A  
Pendleton, SC 29670  
(864) 646-4090

### **U.S. Senator Tim Scott**

1901 Main St., Ste. 1425  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 771-6112

104 S. Main St., Ste. 803  
Greenville, SC 29601  
(864) 233-5366

2500 City Hall Ln., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
North Charleston, SC 29406  
(843) 727-4525

## **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

### **District 1 - U.S. Rep. Nancy Mase**

2000 Sam Rittenberg Blvd  
Suite 3002  
Charleston, SC 29407  
(843) 352-7572

710 Boundary St.  
Beaufort, SC. 29902  
(843) 351-2530

### **District 2 - U.S. Rep. Joe Wilson**

1930 University Pkwy.  
Ste. 1600  
Aiken, SC 29801  
(803) 642-6416

1700 Sunset Blvd.  
Ste. 1  
West Columbia, SC 29169  
(803) 939-0041

### **District 3 - U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan**

303 West Beltline Blvd.  
Anderson, SC 29625  
(864) 224-7401

100 Plaza Circle, Ste. A1  
Clinton, SC 29325  
(864) 681-1030

### **District 4 - U.S. Rep. William Timmons**

114 Trade St.  
Greer, SC 29651  
(864) 241-0175

### **District 5 - U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman**

454 South Anderson Rd.  
Ste. 302B  
Rock Hill, SC 29730  
(803) 327-1114

### **District 6 - U.S. Rep. James Clyburn**

1225 Lady St., Ste. 200  
Columbia, SC 29201  
(803) 799-1100

130 W. Main St.  
Kingstree, SC 29556  
(843) 355-1211

176 Brooks Blvd.  
Santee, SC 29142  
(803) 854-4900

129 South Harvin St.  
Sumter, SC 29150  
(803- 883- 5020

**District 7 - U.S. Rep. Tom Rice**

2411 N. Oak St., Ste. 405  
Ste. 300  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577  
(843) 455-6459

1831 West Evans St.  
Florence, SC 29501  
(843) 679-9781

## ***Member of Congress Sample Letter***

January 4, 2022

Office of Senator Lindsey Graham  
130 S. Main St., 7<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Dear Senator Graham:

I write as a member of the Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina. My wife, Sharon, and I have two sons, Jason (age 3) and Mason (age 5), who both have moderate hemophilia, a rare, genetic bleeding disorder that prevents the blood from clotting properly and causes uncontrolled, often spontaneous, bleeding into the joints, which results in pain, swelling, and even permanent damage. Mason also has an “inhibitor,” which means that his body rejects the clotting factor medication that he takes. We understand that access to healthcare is a vital issue for everyone, but it is particularly important to our family, since Jason and Mason’s continuing to receive their medications means that they can lead healthy, normal, productive lives.

I also wanted to let you know that our family will be attending the upcoming Virtual National Hemophilia Foundation’s Washington Days on March 1-2. We would very much like to meet with you about the healthcare challenges that we face and have a conversation about potential solutions. We would be happy to provide you with additional information about people living with bleeding disorders in our state, as well as answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the people of South Carolina.

John Dough  
14 West Point Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina 29609

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** Shelley Crisp, Paige Hughes, Wendy Legrand, Mike & Suzie Maloy, Tim Swanburg, Samantha Javorka

**District Team Leader:** *Shelley Crisp & Tim Swanburg*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Shelley	1	37	100
Paige	1	42	15
Wendy	1	44	100
Mike & Susie	1	38	94
Tim	1	38	97
Samantha	1	38	97

## 2<sup>ND</sup> District

**Team Members:** Robert Butler, Tameelah Dawson, Marilyn & Ward Keith, Jameelah Malcolm, Aaron Smith, Christine Evans, Bonnie Phifer, Brantley Smith, Gene Wilson, James and Waltene Whitmire

**District Team Leader:** *Aaron Smith & James Whitmire*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Robert	2	23	93
Tameelah	2	25	87
Marilyn & Keith	2	20	85
Jameelah	2	25	87
Aaron	2	22	79
Christine	2	21	74
Bonnie	2	22	75
Brentley	2	22	79
Gene	2	25	87
James & Waltene	2	20	71



### 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** April Baird, Martha Breitweiser, Jakeya Cunningham, Cristal Day, Michelle Jackson, Dr. Joey Krakowiak, Virginia Snead, Greg Witul, Brenda and Leroy Garrett, Miguelina Huerta and Rolando Lopez, Dana Gurley, Sarali Hcosta

**District Team Leader:** *April Baird and Joey Krakowiak*

#### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
April	3	9	16
Martha	3	2	5
Jakeya	3	4	13
Cristal	3	2	5
Michelle	3	10	11
Joey	3	10	12
Virginia	3	9	16
Greg	3	3	6
Brenda & Leroy	3	9	14
Miguelina & Rolando	3	18	40
Dana	3	3	9
Sarali	3	18	40

## 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** Felicia Alexander, Meggan Burton, Eric Dunton, Sue Martin, Mike & Ann Ravan, Corrie Snider, Jeremy Williams, Mandy Weber, Ric Martin

**District Team Leader:** *Ric Martin and Felicia Alexander*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Felicia	4	6	21
Meggan	4	6	22
Eric	4	12	34
Sue and Ric	4	8	20
Mike and Ann	4	11	38
Corrie	4	14	33
Jeremy	4	6	19
Mandy	4	8	24

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** Lisa Bordelon, Jean Ford, Renita Johnson, Edna Rabb, Mike Walden, Holly Penfield, Rimica Brown

**District Team Leader:** *Lisa Bordelon & Renita Johnson*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Lisa	5	35	50
Jean	5	35	51
Renita	5	14	47
Edna	5	17	41
Mike	5	13	42
Holly	5	16	44
Rimica	5	15	46

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** Tiffany Maness, Laurie Thompson, Mattie Watkins  
**District Team Leader:** *Tiffany Maness*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Tiffany	6	20	74
Laurie	6	39	102
Mattie	6	19	74

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

**Team Members:** Woody Ford  
**District Team Leader:** *Woody Ford*

### **State Lawmakers:**

Name	US District	State Senator	State Representative
Woodie	7	34	68

**1. State Lawmaker Sample Letter** (to be updated with 2022 priorities and dates of events)

January 15, 2022

Representative Paula Calhoon  
P.O. Box 1913  
Lexington, SC 29071

Dear Representative Calhoon:

I write as a member of the Bleeding Disorder Association of South Carolina (BDASC). My wife, Sharon, and I have two sons, Jason (age 3) and Mason (age 5), who both have moderate hemophilia, a rare, genetic bleeding disorder that prevents the blood from clotting properly and causes uncontrolled, often spontaneous, bleeding into the joints, which results in pain, swelling, and even permanent damage. Mason also has an “inhibitor,” which means that his body rejects the clotting factor medication that he takes.

We understand that access to healthcare is a vital issue for everyone, but it is particularly important to our family, since Jason and Mason’s continuing to receive their medications means that they can lead healthy, normal, productive lives. For this reason, we ask you to **support xxxxx**, which would ban the implementation of “accumulator adjuster” programs within private health insurance plans in the state. These programs allow health insurance companies to not count out-of-pocket payments made with co-pay assistance cards towards individual and family deductibles. They have a particularly strong impact on families like ours, and are a serious barrier to healthcare access.

We also wanted to let you know that our family will be attending the upcoming BDASC Advocacy Day during the second week of March, 8 and 9. We would love to have a meeting scheduled with you during that week on Wednesday. It would be a great opportunity for us to discuss the healthcare challenges that we face and have a conversation about potential solutions.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to the people of South Carolina.

John Dough  
14 West Point Drive  
Lexington, South Carolina 29071

***Q2 State Lawmaker Sample Letter (to be updated with 2022 priorities and dates of events)***

April 15, 2022

Representative Tommy Stringer  
P.O. Box 2078  
Greer, SC 29652

Dear Representative Stringer:

I write to update you on some of the developments in the bleeding disorders community and the work we are doing at Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (BDASC). As a reminder, my wife, Laura, and I have a son, Lucas (age 7), who has severe hemophilia. We are currently doing well, but have continued to struggle with the challenge of being able to order factor in a timely manner through the state assistance program. We do hope that you will continue to work to make access to important healthcare services and products more seamless and reliable in our state. We appreciate the work you have already done in this regard.

I also wanted to let you know that BDASC has an upcoming fundraiser, a walk for bleeding disorders on Saturday, May 14, as well as our annual meeting on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. If available, we would love to have you come say a few words at either event, and get the chance to meet some of our members and their families, including Lucas. I would be happy to send along to you addition information about either of these events, if you are interested in attending.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of our organization.

James Whatshisname  
14 West Point Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina 29609

***Q3 State Lawmaker Sample Letter (to be updated with 2022 priorities and dates of events)***

July 13, 2022

Senator Darrell Jackson  
608 Motley Road  
Hopkins, South Carolina 29061

Dear Senator Jackson:

I wanted to touch base with you about the status of some of the programs and upcoming events we have happening at Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina (HSC). Our daughter, Keisa, who has von Willebrand Disease, is doing well, but we continue to work with the school district to have better education and awareness about children with bleeding disorders in a school setting, so that teachers, administration, and nursing staff are best equipped to deal with emergencies or other health-related issues.

I also wanted to let you know about our upcoming District Days, set for the week of **xxxxx**, where our members across the state set up meetings with their elected officials in their respective districts. Please let us know your availability that week, and we would be happy to meet you in your district office, or wherever is most convenient for you.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued support of our organization.

Jane Howyadoin  
823 Henderson Avenue  
Columbia, South Carolina 29061

**Q4 Sample Letter** *(to be updated with 2022 priorities and dates of events)*

October 15, 2022

Senator Rex Rice  
P.O. Box 1706  
Easley, South Carolina 29641

Dear Senator Rice:

I hope that you are doing well and that the end of the year is a productive one for you. My father, Howie, who suffers from mild hemophilia, has been doing much better, but continues to be unable to order his clotting factor on five days out of the week. We hope that you will continue to support our efforts to increase availability to vital medications and services for people with bleeding disorders in our state.

We know that you will be quite busy in the new year with the start of the new legislative session. Before things get too hectic for you, we ask that you take a few moments to meet with us in your district office to discuss potential healthcare solutions to challenges faced by people like my father.

I will follow up with your office to schedule an appointment sometime in the next few weeks. I wish you the best for the remainder of the year and during the holiday season. Thank you again for your time and support.

Steve S. McStevie  
17 Sherwood Drive  
Easley, South Carolina 29641