

# **Sample Talking Points**

## **Issue: UV Treatment Access to Care**

### **Briefly Introduce Yourself**

- My name is Mary Smith and I am a dermatology nurse who lives and works in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **Introduce the Issue**

- I call today to ask that your boss support S. 678, which ensures patient access to phototherapies for legitimate medical reasons.
- Patients with skin conditions such as psoriasis, eczema, vitiligo, and atopic dermatitis may undergo phototherapy, or light therapy, as part of their treatment.
- Exposure of skin to ultraviolet (UV) light, present in sunlight, is effective in treating such skin conditions.
- Phototherapy is done under medical supervision, in a physician's office or at a clinic.
- UV rays have been linked to skin cancer, premature aging, and skin damage, and therefore there have been efforts to restrict their use.
- While the use of UV light for purposes such as indoor tanning should be closely regulated, we must insure that patients that need this crucial treatment for medical conditions have access to phototherapy.

### **Provide Reasons Why this Issue is Important, Data, and Personal Stories**

- As a dermatology nurse at the Boston Dermatology Clinic, I treat a number of patients using light therapy and have seen its powerful impact on patients' lives.
- For example, phototherapy so successfully helped a patient with psoriasis I treated that he was able to return to full-time work after years of working part-time due to limitations from his condition.

### **Reiterate the Ask and Thank the Member/Staffer for their Time**

- Again, I hope your boss will consider supporting S. 678.
- Thank you very much for your time today.
- I would appreciate a written response explaining the Senator's position. My address is 1234 Main Street, Boston, MA 09876.
- If you have any questions or would like further information, I stand ready to serve as a resource. My phone number is (789) 456-1230 and my email is marysmith@yahoo.com.