



Hello South Carolina PVN Volunteers, Advocates & Friends of NPAF:

My name is Mark Stephens and I am with the National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF). I am reaching out to you as a fellow volunteer as you have had contact with NPAF and or PAF in the past; We're planning a State Advocacy Day and we'd be honored if you could be a part of it.

What's a Advocacy Day you ask? An Advocacy Day is an organized day in which volunteers from NPAF/PAF convene at the State Capitol and meet in pre-arranged appointments with various representatives and senators - your elected officials - from the South Carolina General Assembly. We're busy setting appointments up and we'll have morning and afternoon meetings, with a lunch break in between. Most importantly, we'll also have specific talking points surrounding issue(s) important to NPAF/PAF to discuss with the legislators while we are there.

I'll be planning a teleconference well in advance of the day to discuss the Advocacy Day in more detail for those how are interested and can attend. Here are the specifics for now:

When: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Where: South Carolina General Assembly, Columbia, SC

Time: We'll meet in the morning at a predetermined meeting place and review. We should be

wrapping up by mid-afternoon so everyone can avoid rush hour traffic.

Meet with: Select members of the South Carolina General Assembly, focusing on the Health and

Human Services and Appropriations Committee members.

Please respond to me via email if you are interested and can join us on May 5th in Columbia. I can also be reached on my cell phone (602) 740-4785. I will be in touch soon about a teleconference to discuss details as well as send out talking points on the issues we plan to discuss with our legislators.

Thank you so much for your interest in the effort! The uninsured and underinsured population of South Carolina deserves to be represented at the legislative level. By joining the voices of other South Carolina patient advocates, you can help ensure that these patients achieve representation and are offered access to affordable, high quality healthcare.

Sincerely,

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