

## TALKING POINTS for the NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

The constituent(s) should begin the meeting by introducing him/herself, explain where you are from, what you do, the type of research you conduct, the kinds of patients you take care of, etc., and then let the others in the group introduce themselves.

Ask the person you are meeting with if he/she is familiar with hematology so you can gauge how to talk about the issues. If the staff person is not familiar with hematology, you can provide some examples of hematologic diseases/disorders and the patients you treat and major accomplishments of the field; if the staff person is familiar, you can briefly share some examples of exciting areas being explored and potential treatments and cures.

Thank the office for the bipartisan support Congress has shown NIH with the increases in funding provided over the past several years, including the \$47.5 billion provided for NIH in the FY 2023 Omnibus Appropriations bill.

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Ask the person you are meeting with if he/she has any questions.

Invite the Senator/Representative to visit your institution. Let them know that you (and ASH) can be a resource!

Thank the person you are meeting for his/her time.