



# PACT

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## 115<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional Session

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A new Congressional session is here with lots of new Members and change. With a new session comes the responsibility to reintroduce Bills. When we go to Washington D.C. this year there will be over 120 Respiratory Therapists meeting with their Congressional representatives continuing to educate new members and speak with our returning members on the impact respiratory care professionals have on outcomes of the individuals across GA that suffer from chronic respiratory conditions.

Help us make an impact and write congress asking for their support.

#### Three messages that we do want to bring to U.S. Congress this year:

1. We want Congressional leaders to include respiratory therapists as telehealth providers in any telehealth legislation moving forward in 2017.
2. AARC will also ask something new this year. It concerns the Appropriations process that involves funding for the Medicare program for 2018. We want Members of Congress to ask CMS to conduct a data analysis of COPD claims in various health care settings that will show how respiratory therapists improve health outcomes, reduce hospital readmissions, and lower costs. This is not tied to telehealth but a separate initiative.

## VIRTUAL LOBBY WEEK

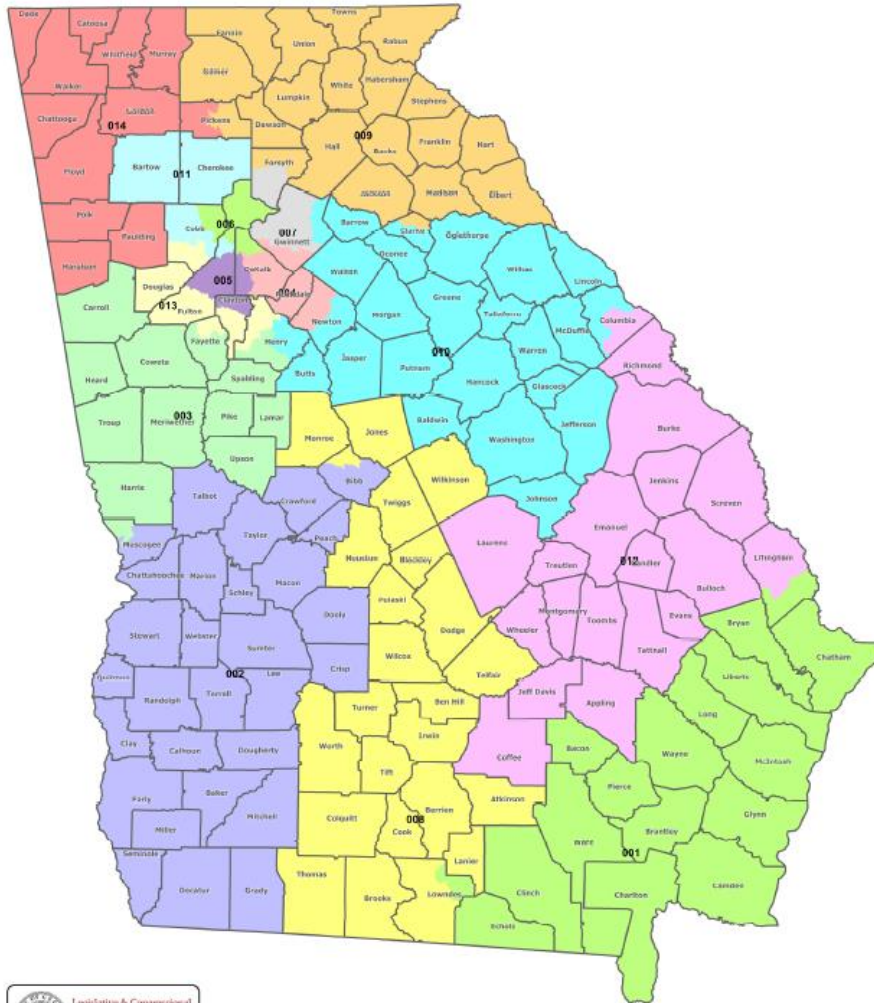
### Kicks off March 20

Get your pens and letters ready to write Congress!

Visit the AARC web and become involved for your patient's health.  
<http://capwiz.com/aarc/issues/?style=D>

## Virtual Lobby Week

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** begins our VLW campaign. The GSRC once again joins other state affiliates and the AARC in our letter writing campaign to Washington D.C. asking our Congressmen and Senators to support our interests and our pulmonary patients with access to respiratory care professions. Take the time to write using the **AARC Capitol Connection** link.



### 115<sup>th</sup> Georgia U.S Congress

Senate	House (Districts)	
David Purdue Johnny Isakson	1 – Earl (Buddy) L. Carter	8 –Austin Scott
	2 – Sanford Bishop Jr.	9 –Doug Collins
	3 – Drew Ferguson	10 –Jody Hice
	4- Hank Johnson	11 –Barry Loudermilk
	5 - John Lewis	12 –Rick Allen
	6- Tom Price	13 –David Scott
	7- Rob Woodall	14 –Tom Graves

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