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AMCA Washington Day Schedule, May 15, 2018

			2:00 PM	Congressman Doug Collins (202) 225-9893	Appointment w/Dan Ashworth Legislative Aide 1504 Longworth HOB
10:00 AM	Senator Johnny Isakson (202) 224-3643	Appointment w/Cory Gattie Legislative Assistant 131 Russell Senate Building			District 9, all of NE Ga, Clayton, Hoschton, Elberton
			2:30 PM	Congressman David Scott (202) 225-2939	Appointment w/Ashley Smith 225 Cannon HOB
10:30 AM	Senator David Perdue (202) 224-3521	Appointment w/Ben Ayres Projects Director 455 Russell Senate Building			District 13 includes area south and west of Atlanta, Coweeta, Henry, Fayette and Muscogee Counties plus more
11:30 AM	Congressman Sanford Bishop (202) 225-3631	Appointment w/Jonathan Halpern Legislative Director 2407 Rayburn HOB	3:00 PM	Congressman Buddy Carter (202) 225-5831	Appointment w/Congressman Carter 432 Cannon HOB
	District 2 includes Southwest GA, Macon, Albany, Columbus areas				District 1 includes Savannah and most of the coastal area. AMCA Washington Day Schedule, May 15, 2018 cont.
12:00 PM	Congressman Austin Scott (202) 225-6531	Appointment w/Craig Anderson Legislative Assistant 2417 Rayburn HOB	3:30 PM	Congressman Rick Allen (202) 225-2823	Appointment w/Katie Hunter Legislative Director 426 Cannon HOB
	District 8, Macon, south to Valdosta				District 12, Augusta south to Stateboro and Douglas
			4:45 PM	Congressman Jody Hice (202) 225-4101	Appointment w/Congressman Hice and Taylor Ford, Director of Scheduling and Operations 324 Cannon HOB
					District 10 – Athens, Winder, down to McDonough, past Milledgeville







-125 AMCA members attended

-We were the only GA representatives

## Funding Comprehensive Vector Control

**Problem: Training and research for vector-borne disease surveillance and control programs must be upgraded to mitigate the future impacts of additional exotic vector-borne diseases.**

The Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health (SMASH) Act (H.R.1310/S.849) has been introduced in the Senate and House. This legislation, which was approved in the Senate, reauthorizes the MASH Act which was designed to authorize federal funds for local governments to protect communities from mosquitoes and other disease vectors, and represents a platform for building a sustainable capacity to meet future imported exotic diseases.

The USDA IR-4 Public Health Pesticides Program (PHP) provides critical assistance to meet regulatory requirements for bringing new control tools to market, expansion of allowed use patterns, and protection of existing tools from regulatory or other challenges.

**Actions Needed:**

- Pass and fully fund all provisions of H.R.1310/S.849 Strengthening Mosquito Abatement for Safety and Health Act. This amounts to \$130 million per year, FY 2019-FY 2024.**
- Increase funding for the Division of Vector Borne Diseases (DVBD) to \$61 million for the suppression of mosquito and other vector-transmitted diseases, a \$25 million increase over FY18 levels.**
- Support the continuation of the IR-4 Public Health Pesticides Program (PHP) of \$350,000 to provide critical assistance for supporting vector control, including regulatory and other support needed to maintain public health and welfare.**

# **Minimizing Duplicative Regulations NPDES Permits**

**Issue:** Public health pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) should not require additional regulatory oversight by National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits.

**Action Needed:** We urge Congress to pass legislation consistent with the goals and objectives of H.R. 953 and S. 340, clarifying that pesticide applications for mosquito control in accordance with label requirements are fully and effectively regulated under FIFRA, requiring no further oversight under the Clean Water Act NPDES permit program.