



Tourette Association of America

116th Congress 1st Session Legislative Priorities

The Tourette Association of America works to improve life for all people affected by Tourette or Tic Disorders through Awareness, Research and Support. We can only realize this worthy mission with the support of our Congressional Representatives and policies that support and improve the quality of life for vulnerable populations.

OUR CONGRESSIONAL “ASK”

Support \$2 million in continued funding in FY2019 LHHs-Appropriations for the Public Health Education and Research Program on Tourette Syndrome at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Contact Merrilee Rogers with Congressman Steve Cohen or Deena Tauster with Congressman Peter King.

Join the Bicameral & Bipartisan Congressional Tourette Syndrome Caucus.

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Cosponsor H.R. 1131, Collaborative Academic Research Efforts (CARE) for Tourette Syndrome Act.

Contact Chelsea Flenar with Congressman Albio Sires.

Continued federal funding for medical research at the National Institute of Health (NIH) and National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) for public health education, outreach, and research.

Support efforts to expand coverage for telehealth in Medicare and private insurance for those with chronic conditions.

Support continued FY20 funding of \$5 million for the National Neurological Conditions Surveillance System at the CDC and the inclusion of TS as one of the next conditions assessed.

Support efforts to ensure patients have access to all treatments, including mental health, without onerous processes, steps or excessive out of pocket deductible costs.

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FAST FACTS

Tourette Syndrome is part of a spectrum of hereditary, childhood-onset, neuro-



developmental conditions referred to as Tic Disorders. Both children and adults are affected.

1 OF EVERY 100

Children between the ages of 5 and 17 have Tourette or another Tic Disorder

TS affects all races, ethnic groups, and ages but is 3 to 4 times more common in boys than in girls.



50%-70% of children with Tourette also have ADHD

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30%-50% of children with Tourette also have OCD

Tourette Symptoms range from mild to severe and can often be debilitating. While there is no cure for Tourette, research has resulted in numerous treatments that improve lives.