

# 119TH CONGRESS 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Tourette Association of America is the only national nonprofit that works to improve life for all people affected by Tourette Syndrome and other Tic Disorders through awareness, research, and support.

We have made tremendous progress over the last few decades, however, to continue the worthy mission of supporting and improving the quality of life for our community, we need Congress to maintain its bipartisan commitment to our priorities.

## OUR CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS

Support \$2.5 million in continued funding in Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) LHHS-Appropriations for the Public Health Education and Research Program on Tourette Syndrome at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Support sustained FY26 funding for medical research at the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, National Institute of Health (NIH), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Support a long-term extension of telehealth coverage.

Continued support of disability-related programs under IDEA and Section 504.

Co-sponsor the Safe Step Act (not yet introduced) to improve step therapy protocols and ensure patients are able to safely and efficiently access the best treatment for them.

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## FAST FACTS:

It is estimated that approximately **1.4 MILLION AMERICAN CHILDREN LIVE WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME OR ANOTHER TIC DISORDER. 50% are going undiagnosed.**

Tourette Syndrome (TS) affects all races, ethnic groups, and ages.



## 48% OF ADULTS AND 23% OF CHILDREN

impacted by TS or another Tic Disorder **HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE**

at some point in their life and **27% OF ADULTS and 10% OF CHILDREN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN 2021-2022.\***

**73% of adults and 50% of children impacted by TS have felt DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.\***

**UNCONTROLLABLE SWEARING,** known as coprolalia, is often portrayed by the media as a major feature but in reality, it **ONLY IMPACTS ABOUT 10% OF THE TS POPULATION.**

**\*Source: TAA 2022 Impact Survey**