

# 117<sup>TH</sup> 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 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 FY2022 LHHS-Appropriations for the Public Health Education and Research Program on Tourette Syndrome at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).**

*Contact Betsy Dudley with Congressman Steve Cohen or Sarah Talmage with Congressman Lee Zeldin.*

**Join the Bicameral & Bipartisan Congressional Tourette Syndrome Caucus.**

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**Support** continued increased FY22 federal funding for medical research at the National Institutes for Health’s (NIH) National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH).

**Co-sponsor reintroduction of the Safe Step Act bipartisan bill in the 117th Congress to improve step therapy protocols and ensure patients are able to safely and efficiently access the best treatment for them.**

**Support** making permanent the temporary coverage and access to telehealth granted during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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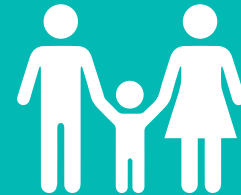
## FAST FACTS:

It is estimated that

**1 MILLION AMERICANS  
HAVE TOURETTE SYNDROME.**

50% are going undiagnosed.

Tourette Syndrome affects all races, ethnic groups, and ages but it is **THREE TO FOUR TIMES MORE COMMON IN BOYS THAN GIRLS.**



**51% OF ADULTS AND  
32% OF CHILDREN**

impacted by Tourette Syndrome  
or a Tic Disorder

**HAVE CONSIDERED SUICIDE**

or participated in self harming behaviors.

68% of adults and  
63% of children impacted have felt

**DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.**

**UNCONTROLLABLE SWEARING,**

known as coprolalia, is often portrayed by the media as a major feature, but in reality

**ONLY IMPACTS 10% OF  
THE TS POPULATION.**