

# House ALS Caucus

## Join the Movement

I AM ALS is a fierce patient-led community of passionate advocates. We're here to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS in driving the development of cures. The non-profit brings together ALS patients, advocates, organizations and researchers to deliver critical and innovative resources and support for those impacted by the disease, empower and mobilize patients and their networks to lead the movement for cures and transform the public understanding of ALS with a goal of delivering new, lifesaving treatments.

I AM ALS is revolutionizing how to fight disease. We have our sights set squarely on ending ALS, a disease that attacks cells in the body that control movement. ALS makes the brain stop talking to the muscles, causing increased paralysis over time. Ultimately, ALS patients become prisoners within their own bodies: unable to eat, talk, breathe or move on their own. Right now, there is no cure to this fatal disease. Let's rewrite history together.

## Impact of ALS



### **A diagnosis of ALS means death.**

People living with ALS typically die within 2-5 years of their diagnosis. ALS right now is **always fatal**.



### **ALS growth is accelerating.**

ALS will affect 1 in 300 people in our lifetimes and ALS diagnoses are expected to **rise by 69% by 2040**.<sup>1</sup>



### **ALS disproportionately impacts veterans.**

Military veterans are **twice as likely** to die from ALS as civilians.<sup>2</sup>

## Caucus Mission

The ALS Caucus in the House and Senate is on a mission is to bring together members of Congress from both sides of the aisle to share experiences, exchange ideas and work collaboratively to find a cure for ALS. By raising awareness about the challenges faced by ALS patients and their families, thinking creatively about policy solutions to reduce the negative impacts of ALS and investing in groundbreaking research, we will find cures. Together. This work will not only save the lives of people with ALS, but it could unlock cures for those impacted by other neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, multiple sclerosis, Frontotemporal Dementia and Huntington's Disease.

## Joining the ALS Caucus will \_\_\_\_\_

1. Link into an active network of constituent advocates
2. Facilitate collaboration between colleagues to create and pass impactful policies
3. Help generate press opportunities for its members to raise awareness for this movement

## Resources and Initiatives \_\_\_\_\_

Members will receive the latest updates on new ALS policies and policy developments, as well as information on the movement to end ALS.

Members also will be plugged into significant public relations and awareness campaigns as well as chances to be connected to critical community leaders and constituents in their home districts.

## IT IS FINALLY TIME TO DEFEAT ALS



## Contact Our Co-Chairs \_\_\_\_\_

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