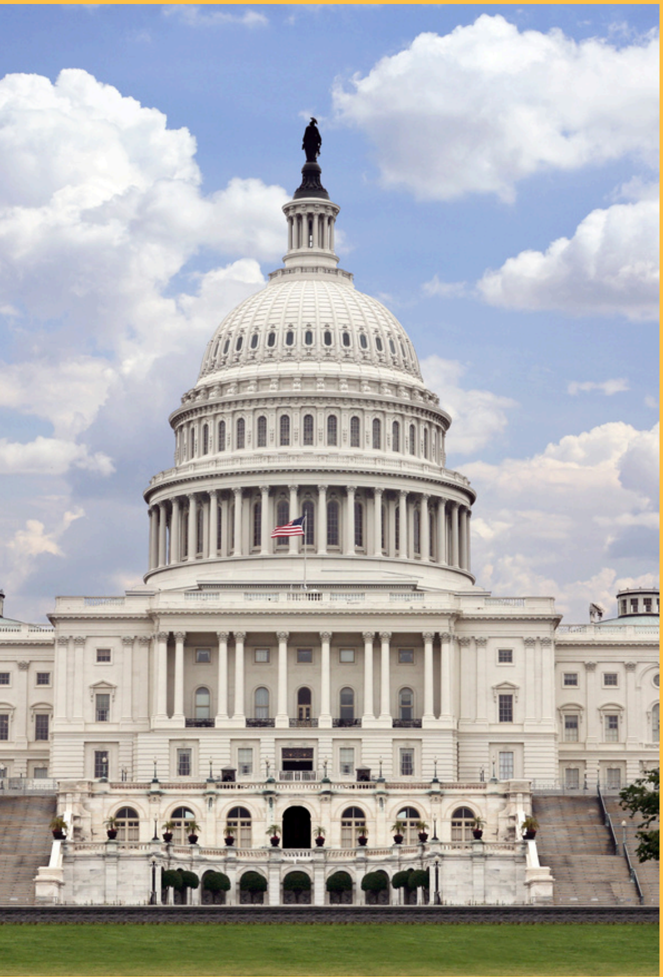
Senate ALS Caucus

In 2019, bipartisan members of the House of Representatives and Senate started the ALS Caucus. The goal of the caucus is to raise awareness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) within the legislative branch, exchange ideas, and work collaboratively to create policies that find a cure for ALS and improve the quality of life for people living with ALS.

By choosing to join the ALS caucus, you demonstrate to your constituents that you are committed to the ALS Community and will work relentlessly to end the needless suffering that comes from this fatal disease.

I AM ALS (IAA) is a patient-led community that supports people living with ALS, caregivers, and loved ones and empowers advocates to raise awareness and lead the revolution against ALS.



What is ALS?

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a devastating, rapid-moving, neurodegenerative disease. It is 100% fatal, with life expectancy typically 2 to 4 years after diagnosis.

ALS slowly kills motor neurons, which affects one's control of the muscles needed to move, speak, eat, and breathe - ultimately leading to death. The exact cause of the disease is still not known.

Veterans are twice as likely to develop ALS as civilians. Those who served post-9/11 and in the Air Force have an even higher ALS incident rate.

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

How to join the Senate ALS Caucus

Reach out to the following co-chairs' offices:

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Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

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ALS Caucus Accomplishments

- **Pass Bills.**

Hundreds of Members of Congress quickly cosponsored ACT for ALS, which allowed Congressional Leadership to move the bill through the House and Senate and get the bill signed into law.

- **Lift Constituent Concerns.**

The ALS Caucus members have written and led multiple sign-on letters to various agencies, Congressional Leadership, and others on behalf of the ALS Community to achieve our legislative priorities, amplifying patient and caregiver voices, and elevating the needs of the ALS community to ensure those in power in the Congress, FDA, NIH, and other relevant stakeholders are paying attention.

- **Fund Research.**

ALS Caucus Members lead yearly letters to the Appropriations Committee asking for support for the ALS Community's Appropriations requests. These letters often include a long list of support from other Members of Congress, which shows the Appropriations Committee and Congressional Leadership that ALS issues, including our funding requests, are important to a large portion of Congress and should be a priority to be included in the final bill every year.

Who We Are

AM ALS is a patient-centric movement revolutionizing how to end disease. The nonprofit provides support and resources to people affected by ALS and convenes and empowers advocates to change policy, raise awareness, and drive the development of treatments and cures. Founded in 2019 by husband and wife team Brian Wallach and Sandra Abrevaya, I AM ALS was born out of their desire to rewrite the ALS story for Brian and the tens of thousands of other people with ALS.

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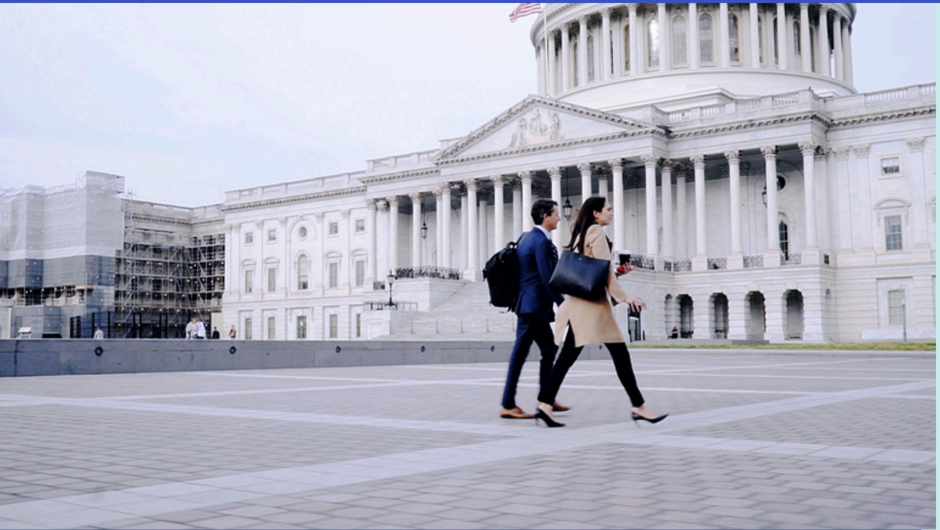

For Love and Life: No Ordinary Campaign, a documentary about the ALS community and the organization's incredible success, can be found on Amazon and at this link: https://www.amazon.com/Love-Life-No-Ordinary-Campaign/dp/B0CXWMCHZM