Credit for Caring Act of 2025

Summary

The bipartisan Credit for Caring Act of 2025 would provide relief in the form of a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to $5,000 for eligible working family caregivers.

Rationale

ALS is a rapidly progressing, fatal disease without a cure. The currently available treatments only extend life for a few months, if at all. ALS is a disease that attacks cells in the body that control movement. It makes the brain stop talking to the muscles, causing increased paralysis over time. Ultimately, people living with ALS become unable to eat, talk, breathe, or move on their own. People living with ALS rely on family caregivers to help them with daily tasks at first, but as the disease progresses the complexity and intensity of care causes many family caregivers to reduce their work hours or quit their paying jobs.

ALS is already an expensive disease. On average, people living with ALS in the early stages spend $31,411 annually on ALS-related care. The annual cost rises to $51,481 in midstage disease and $121,903 in late-stage disease. When you factor in the loss of wages that occurs when the person living with ALS and their primary caregiver reduce their work hours or quit their job because of the disease, the financial burden of ALS is almost incomprehensible.

In dedicating their time, money, and energy to their loved ones, family caregivers help save taxpayers billions of dollars by helping to delay or prevent expensive nursing home care and unnecessary hospital stays.

Contact to Support

- Rep. Mike Carey (R-Ohio-15)
- Rep Linda Sánchez (D-Calif.-38)
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.)
- Sen. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.)

Components

+ CREATES A NEW $5,000 TAX CREDIT FOR ELIGIBLE CAREGIVING EXPENSES

The Credit for Caring Act would create a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to $5,000 for eligible working family caregivers to help address the significant financial impact of caregiving.

About ALS

ALS is a disease that attacks cells in the body that control movement. It makes the brain stop talking to the muscles, causing increased paralysis over time. Ultimately, people living with ALS become prisoners within their own bodies: unable to eat, talk, breathe or move on their own. Their mind, however, often remains sharp so they are aware of what's happening to them. ALS will affect 1 in 300 people in our lifetimes, and people usually have no more than 2-5 years to live following diagnosis. Veterans are two-times more likely to be diagnosed with ALS than civilians.

About I AM ALS

I AM ALS is leading the most impactful ALS advocacy movement of the 21st century. We've built this movement by working with the ALS community to harness their collective power to find treatments and a cure for this disease.

Our superpower is our people—those living with, impacted by, and highly motivated to end ALS. They're fueled by a track record of legislative successes and tangible impact:

- More federal funding for ALS research than ever, secured by the I AM ALS patient-led community
- More access to treatments and patient-vetted information, giving patients living with ALS hope for more years and a higher quality of life
- More ways to transform pain into action by facilitating advocacy opportunities, meaning the potential for real legislative impact and empowerment

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