

# ALS CAUCUS

## How We'll Cure ALS

An estimated 1 in 15 adults alive today – 135 million people – will be diagnosed with a neurological disease. Of these, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), which is always terminal, is the fastest progressing. By producing a cure for this debilitating and relentless disease, we'll not only eliminate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of patients, caregivers, and families, but also help eliminate dozens of other diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, Frontotemporal Dementia and Huntington's that are scientifically linked to ALS.

The ALS Caucus is a bipartisan group of ALS' most engaged champions on Capitol Hill. Many have been personally impacted by the disease, and all have been moved by the strength and energy of the ALS community.

## Impact of ALS



### A diagnosis for ALS means death.

Every four minutes, someone in the world is diagnosed with ALS *and* someone dies from ALS.<sup>1</sup>



### ALS' growth is accelerating.

ALS diagnoses are expected to rise by 69% by 2040.<sup>2</sup>



### ALS disproportionately impacts veterans.

Military veterans are **twice as likely** to die from ALS as the general public.<sup>3</sup>

## Our Mission

The ALS Caucus will 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 a cure. Together.

1. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4987527/#b7>

2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4987527/>

3. <https://www.pva.org/als-stories/outreach-to-veterans-with-als>

## Joining the ALS Caucus Will

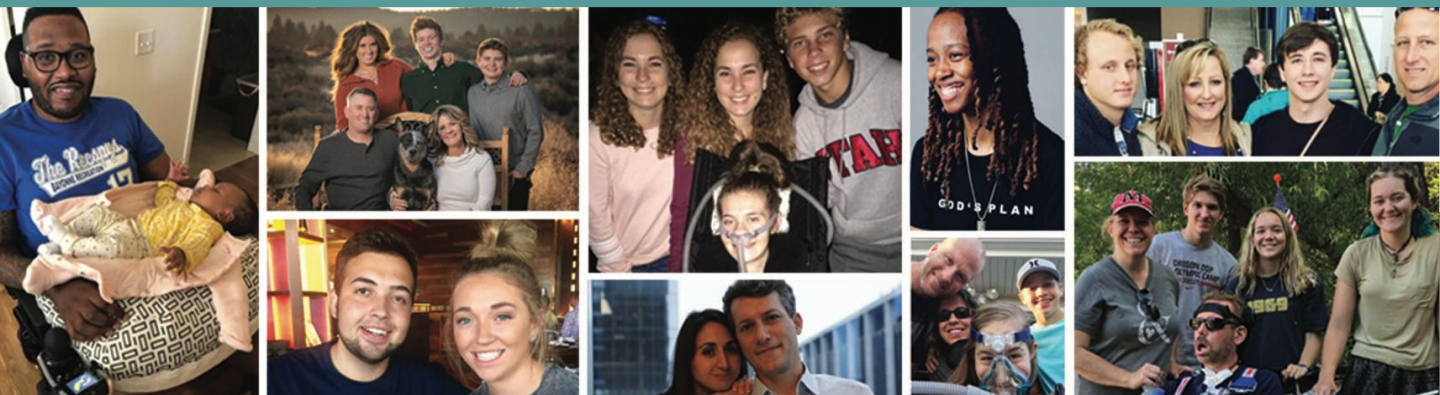
1. Link into an active network of constituent advocates
2. Raise critical awareness for the disease and other neurological conditions
3. Help generate impactful press opportunities for its members to raise awareness for this fight

## Resources and Initiatives

All members will be provided extensive educational materials and direct access to the patient advocate community.

All members will also 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 TIME TO FINALLY DEFEAT ALS



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