



THE EPILEPSIES

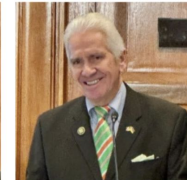
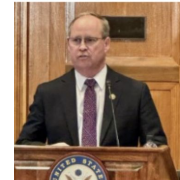
TAKING ACTION TOGETHER

February 2026 Stakeholder Update

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Updates & National Plan Progress
3. Strategy Toward Passage in 2026!
4. How YOU Can Engage in Advocacy
5. Q&A





2022

2023

2024

2025

2026

Epilepsies Action Network is launched!

- Solicited Stakeholder Inputs
- Stakeholder Letter to Pres Biden
- Onboarded Partners

Building Foundation

- House Caucus Launched
- Solicited Stakeholder Inputs
- National Advisory Board Stood Up
- 2 Congressional Briefings (May & Nov)
- Grassroots & grasstops
- 6 Advocacy webinars & Trainings
- Grew partners

Momentum Increasing

- Senate Caucus Launched
- Stakeholder Letter to Pres. Biden
- Grew Caucuses & Partners
- Capitol Hill day w/ PERC
- Solicited Stakeholder Inputs
- National Plan Reception
- National Plan for Epilepsy Comm (NPEC) launches**
- Secured House & Senate Report Language for CDC and Research
- National Plan intro'd House & Senate**
- National Plan Booth & Campaign @

National Plan Re-Intro!

- National Plan Reintroduction Briefing** (S.494 & HR 1189)
- NPEC Launches Work Groups
- Capitol Hill days w/ Epilepsy Leaders
- Increasing Plan Sign Ons
- Grassroots & grasstops
- PAME Fly Ins & Briefing
- Testimony at events - 75th NINDS; New Dems Caucus
- DEE-P virtual meetings
- Key HELP and E&C Leadership Mtgs**

Pass The Plan!

- Rep. Costa testimony @ House Member Day
- Meetings with Leadership & Committee Staff
- Feb. 26th Hill Day
- March TSC/FAST Hill Days
- April EF Hill Day
- May PERC Hill Day
- June CTE, Caucus Event & Hill Day

2025 IN REVIEW: LOTS TO CELEBRATE!

- **National Plan Dashboard:**
 - 16 Senators
 - 55 Representatives
 - 71 Members of Congress!
- 93 Hill Meetings on the Epilepsy National Plan!
- 21 events with Members of Congress
- **FY26 Federal Budget Advocacy:**
 - Language in the House and Senate versions of the FY26 HHS Budget
 - Maintained funding for CDC Epilepsy Program in FY26 HHS Budget
 - Reinstatement of the CDMRP Epilepsy Line in the FY26 DoD Budget
 - Funding for the National Plan to End Parkinson's Act!

S. 494: 16 SENATORS SIGNED ON (UP FROM 7)

Epilepsy Senate Caucus

Co-Chairs/Bill Leads:

Sen. Schmitt, Eric [R-MO]

Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Alsobrooks, Angela D D-MD)

Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]

Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]

Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]

Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]

Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]

Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]

Sen. Husted, Jon [R-OH]

Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]

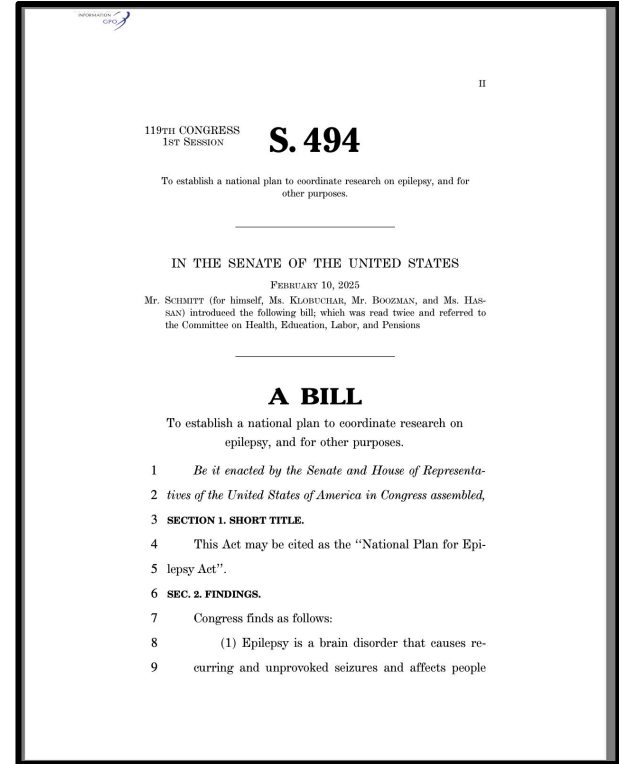
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]

Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

Sen. Warner, Mark [D-VA]

Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]



HR 1189: 55 REPRESENTATIVES SIGNED ON (UP FROM 27)

REPRESENTATIVES:

Epilepsy House Caucus Co-Chairs:

Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]*

Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-21]

AZ

Rep. Grijalva, Adelita S. [D-AZ-7]

CA

Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]

Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7]

Rep. Simon, Lateefah [D-CA-12]

Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-36]

Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-50]

Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-14]

DC

Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

DE

Rep. McBride, Sarah [D-DE-At Large]

FL

Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]

Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-22]

GA

Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

GU

Del. Moylan, James C. [R-GU-At Large]

IL

Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]

Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]

Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]

Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]

Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-16]

IN

Rep. Carson, André [D-IN-7]

KS

Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]

KY

Rep. McGarvey, Morgan [D-KY-3]

LA

Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]

MA

Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]

Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]

MD

Rep. Ivey, Glenn [D-MD-4]

Rep. Hoyer, Steny H. [D-MD-5]

Rep. McClain Delaney, April [D-MD-6]

Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]

MI

Rep. Moolenaar, John R. [R-MI-2]

Rep. Scholten, Hillary J. [D-MI-3]

Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]

Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-12]

Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]

NJ

Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]

Rep. Kean, Thomas H. [R-NJ-7]

NY

Rep. Gillen, Laura [D-NY-4]

Rep. Velázquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]

Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]

Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]

Rep. Kennedy, Timothy M. [D-NY-26]

OH

Rep. Landsman, Greg [D-OH-1]

OR

Rep. Bynum, Janelle S. [D-OR-5]

PA

Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]

Rep. Deluzio, Christopher R. [D-PA-17]

Rep. Mackenzie, Ryan [R-PA-7]

TN

Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]

Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]

TX

Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]

VA

Rep. Kiggans, Jennifer A. [R-VA-2]

Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]

WI

Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]

MP

Del. King-Hinds, Kimberlyn [R-MP-At Large]

ALL MEMBERS MATTER: KEY LEADERS OF HOUSE E&C AND SENATE HELP COMMITTEES

SENATE HELP COMMITTEE

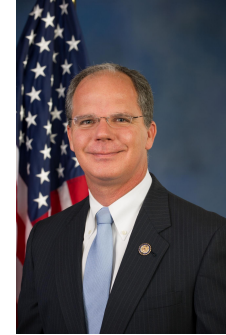


Sen. Bill Cassidy, MD (R-LA)



Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)

HOUSE E&C HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE



Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY)



Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)

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DIANA HARSHBARGER
R Tennessee – District 1



Ranking Member Health
DIANA DEGETTE
D Colorado – District 1

ALL MEMBERS MATTER: KEY TARGETS ON HOUSE ENERGY & COMMERCE (E&C)!

ENERGY & COMMERCE

CHAIRMAN BRETT GUTHRIE

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Vice Chair Health
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R Tennessee – District 1



Ranking Member Health
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D Colorado – District 1



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R Florida – District 2



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R Texas – District 2



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R Pennsylvania – District 13



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R Ohio – District 12



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R Iowa – District 1



KAT CAMMACK
R Florida – District 3



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R Indiana – District 9



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R Ohio – District 6



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D California – District 25



DEBBIE DINGELL
D Michigan – District 6



ROBIN KELLY
D Illinois – District 2



NANETTE DIAZ BARRAGAN
D California – District 44



KIM SCHRIER
D Washington – District 8



LORI TRAHAN
D Massachusetts – District 3



MARC VEASEY
D Texas – District 33



LIZZIE FLETCHER
D Texas – District 7



ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ
D New York – District 14



JAKE AUCHINCLOSS
D Massachusetts – District 4



TROY CARTER
D Louisiana – District 2



GREG LANDSMAN
D Ohio – District 1



FRANK PALLONE
D New Jersey – District 6

ALL MEMBERS MATTER: KEY TARGETS SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR & PENSIONS (HELP)!

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON Health, Education Labor & Pensions

Majority



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Bill Cassidy, M.D.
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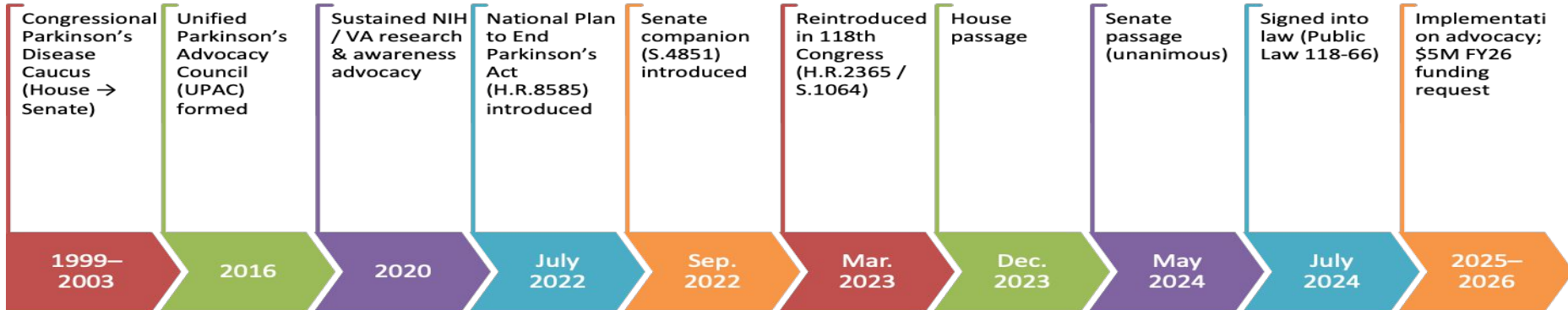
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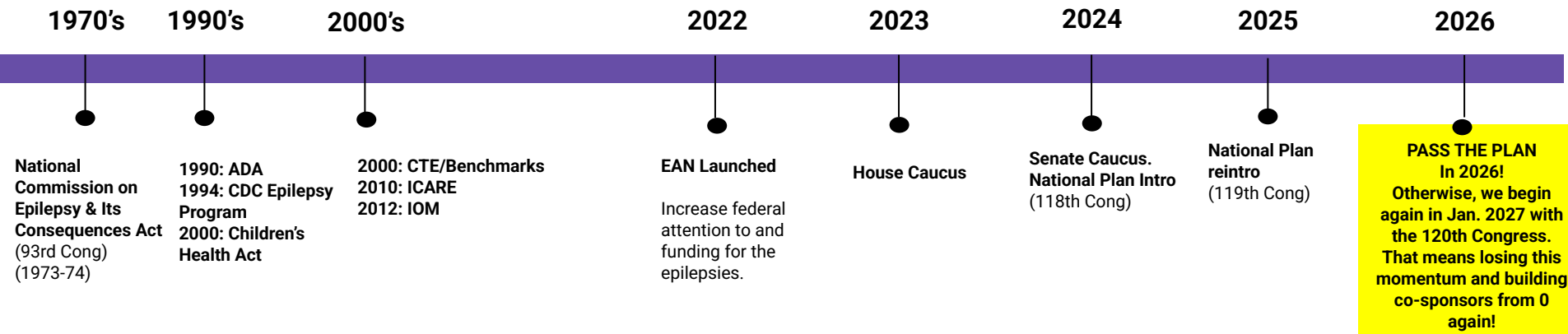
Angela Alsobrooks
(Democrat - MD)

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PARKINSON'S NATIONAL PLAN: A ROADMAP FOR THE EPILEPSIES



EPILEPSIES NATIONAL PLAN: HELP GET THE PLAN ACROSS THE FINISH LINE IN 2026!



2026: POLITICAL REALITIES

- **Every House member is running for reelection**
 - Shifting time and focus toward campaigning
- **Nearly half of the Senate National Plan champions are entering reelection cycles**
- **Sen. Amy Klobuchar is running for Governor** - potentially losing Dem Senate Champion
- **Election turnover disrupts relationships and continuity**
 - Will have to rebuild trust and re-educate new Members and staff
- **The shift from legislating to reelection focus accelerates come summer**
 - Members spend more time in districts and less time advancing new policy.

2026 STRATEGY: THE TIME IS NOW

- Time intensive collaboration with Congressional Leadership on –
 - Potential fast-tracking paths
 - Traditional Committee path
 - Meetings in December with both House and Senate Congressional Leadership on this topic
- Meanwhile, continue to build support and obtain co-sponsorships, focusing on committee alignment
 - House Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee
 - Senate HELP Committee
- Hill Day at the end of February to align with Rare Disease Week
- Upcoming Hill Days: Rare Disease, EF, TSC, FAST, PERC, etc. - **PLEASE INCLUDE “Pass the Plan” Ask**
- Congressional Event in June to align with Curing the Epilepsies

HOW YOU CAN HELP: ASKS & LINKS

VOTER VOICE ONE STOP TOOL

<https://www.epilepsiescaucus.org/supportplan-1>

MESSAGE & MATERIALS:

<https://bit.ly/EpilepsyPlanSignOn>

GET YOUR LEGISLATORS TO SIGN ON TO THE PLAN

- Use the Voter Voice to Ask Your Members to Sign On!
- **Meet YOUR Members:** in person in DC or during a recess, via zoom mtgs, phone calls, postcards, letters, and emails (voter voice)
- **Organize a post-card or letter writing campaign** with friends, family, constituents
- Carve out advocacy training during your **family and professional conferences**
- **Use your newsletters + social media channels** to rally friends, family and colleagues to action.
- **Write a letter to your local newspaper editor** about what the Plan means to and for YOU

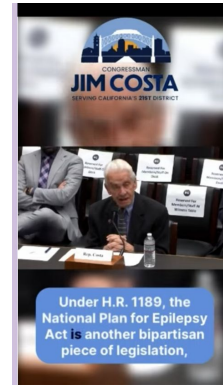
Not yet an EAN Organizational Partner?

<https://www.epilepsiesactionnetwork.org/partners>

AES Shines a Huge Light on National Plan
via sessions, signage, booth, and asks.



Leadership Meetings with
Sen. Schmitt



Rep. Jim Costa urged for passage
of the Plan during House Member
Day on Capitol Hill



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Questions, Answers & Actions: What Will YOU DO?