

As Congressional Members are back in their home districts, now is a good time to contact your Senators urging them to support increased funding for the ACL TBI grant program.



Action Alert!

Contact Your Senators to Support \$1 Million Increase to the ACL TBI Program

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
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During the August recess, when your Senators are at home, is an excellent opportunity to contact them urging them to support increased fiscal year 2020 appropriations for ACL TBI State Partnership Grant program. Feel free to share this message with other advocates.

Dear NASHIA Member:

The House of Representatives has included an additional \$1 million for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Administration for Community Living's (ACL) Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) program, which provides grants to States to expand and to improve service delivery. The Senate plans to take up the appropriations bill funding HHS in early September, after they return from the August recess. Now is a good time to contact your Senators while they are back in the State. You may call their local office nearest you to set up an appointment. Or, you may send an email/phone call to their Washington, DC office.

Please feel free to share this message with members of your Advisory Board/Council, disability and brain injury advocates, and providers.

What Can You Do?

Call or email your Senators to tell him/her to support increased funding (at least \$1 million) for the Administration for Community Living (ACL)'s TBI State Partnership Grant program. Click [here](#) to read the letter sent by the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA) and the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) to Senate appropriators.

You may access your Senators' phone number/email [here](#). The websites of your

Senators should have the in-State office locations and phone numbers, should you wish to set up an appointment.

Easy Call/Email Script:

Hello, this is _____. I'm a resident of (Town, State) and am calling/writing to urge Senator _____ to support an increase in the Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living (ACL)'s TBI State Partnership Grant program. At least 5.3 million Americans live with a TBI. In our State, we have a significant number of citizens who have sustained a TBI who need ongoing supports to address their cognitive, behavioral, and physical needs. The ACL TBI State Partnership Grant program is the only federal program assisting States in addressing these specific needs. (Tell why you are personally interested.)

For further information, you may contact me at _____. Thank you for considering this request.

(If you are leaving a voicemail/email, please leave your full street address and zip code to ensure your call is tallied as a constituent and for staff to contact you for further information.)

Please feel free to circulate among your constituents -- consumers, advisory council/board members, advocacy and disability groups.



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