

115th Congress – Jan. 3

- 62 new House Members and 473 incumbents
- Rep. Paul D. Ryan (R-WI) -- Speaker of the House
- Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) -- House Minority Leader

Key House Committees

- Appropriations
 - Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-ED-Related
- Energy and Commerce
 - Subcommittee on Health
 - Oversight and Investigations
- House Education and the Workforce
- Armed Services
- Veterans Affairs'

House Caucuses

- Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
- Neuroscience Caucus
- Safe Kids Caucus
- Bi-partisan Disability Caucus

115th Congress -- Senate

- 7 new Senators
- Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) – President Pro Tempore
- Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) – Minority Leader

Senate Key Committees

- Senate Appropriations
 - Subcommittee on Labor—HHS-ED—Related Agencies
 - Subcommittee Defense
 - Subcommittee on Military Construction, VA and Related Agencies

Senate Key Committees

- Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP)
- Special Select Committee on Aging

Contacts

Finding more information about your
Rep./Senators:

- www.house.gov
- www.senate.gov

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Republicans Control

- Presidency
- U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- 66 State Legislative Chambers
- Both Chambers in 32 States
- 33 Governorships

Current Issues

- Senate Confirmation hearings
- Rolling back regulations
- Budget reconciliation
- FY 2017 and FY 2018 appropriations
- Repeal and replace ACA
 - Medicaid Proposals
 - Medicare and Social Security

Appropriations

- CR for FY 2017
- FY 2018 – President’s Budget
- NASHIA TBI Requests
 - State Grant; P&A
 - TBI Model Systems
 - CDC Surveillance
- CBITF Sign on Letters

ACA

- Budget Reconciliation -- Healthcare
 - Repeal ACA
- Budget Reconciliation ACA Taxes
- Healthcare Replacement
 - House hearings on Medicaid
 - E/C Chair's on pre-existing conditions, HR 112
 - Ryan's Better Way Plan

Republican Leaders' Plan

- Tax credits
- Health savings accounts
- Proposed Medicaid changes
 - State control – fixed amt.
 - Block grant; per capita cap
 - Roll back Medicaid expansion

TBI Act Programs

- Transferred to ACL
- Federal Interagency Plan
- Future Direction
 - Calls with stakeholders; public conf. calls
 - “As Is” document
 - “To be” document
 - March 21 meeting

What Can You Do?

- Coming to Washington, DC in March?
 - Set up office visits
 - Invite your Rep./Senators to CBITF Awareness events
- Not coming?
 - Call anyway, extending invitation to the events
 - Letting staff know of the issues

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Setting Up Office Visits

- Call office or switchboard
 - Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
- Tell them you're a constituent
- Schedule appointments 60-90 minutes apart
- Coordinate with others from your state
 - Disability Policy Seminar (I/DD)

March 21 ACL Meeting

- Meet ACL/TBI staff
- Consumer engagement
- Federal partners
- Federal Interagency Plan
- Future direction

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CBITF Awareness Day – March 22

- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Injury Awareness Fair; Rayburn Foyer
- 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM -- **Briefing**
 - Faces of Brain Injury: The Invisible Disability Affecting Children and Adults; Rayburn Gold Room, Room 2168

CBITF Awareness Day

- **5:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Reception**
Celebrating Brain Injury Awareness
Month; Rayburn Gold Room, Room 2168

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Prepare for Appt.

- Purpose
- State brain injury information/contacts
- Become a member of CBITF
- Sign on to CBITF letters
 - Appropriations request
- Leave contact information
- Follow up



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