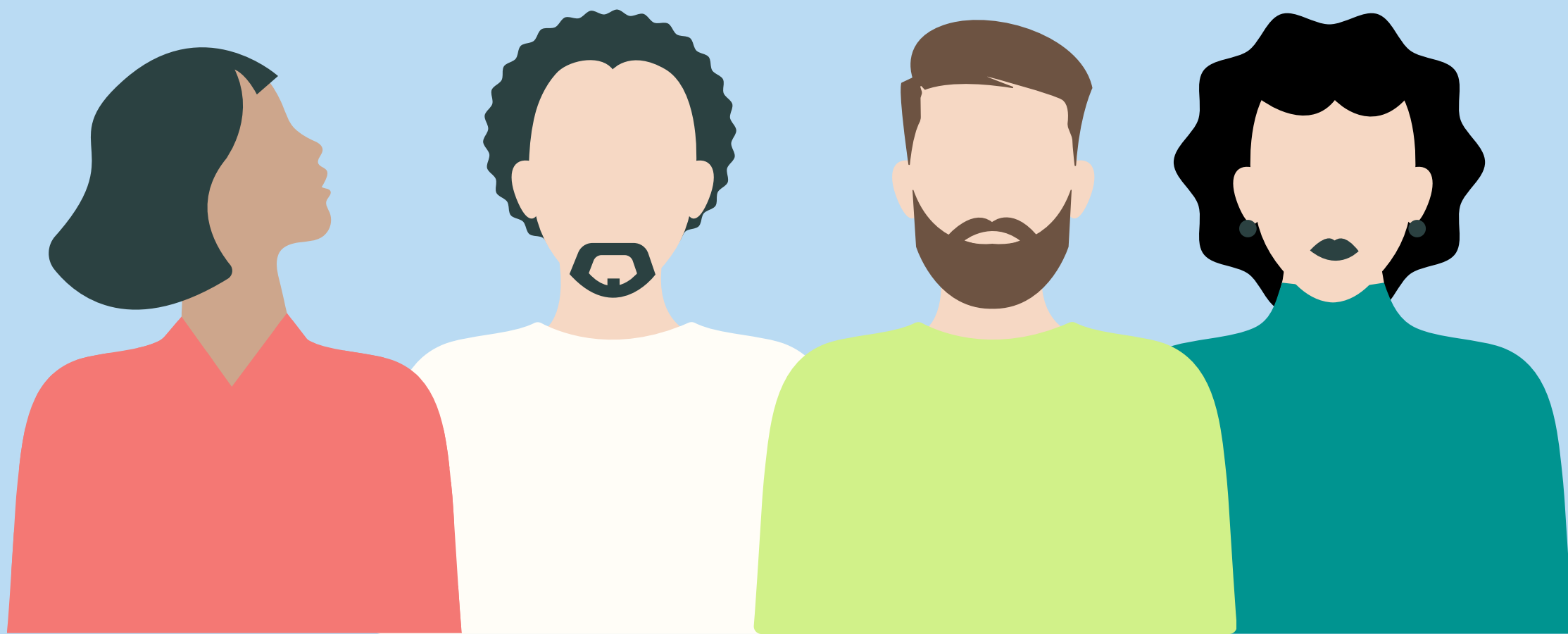


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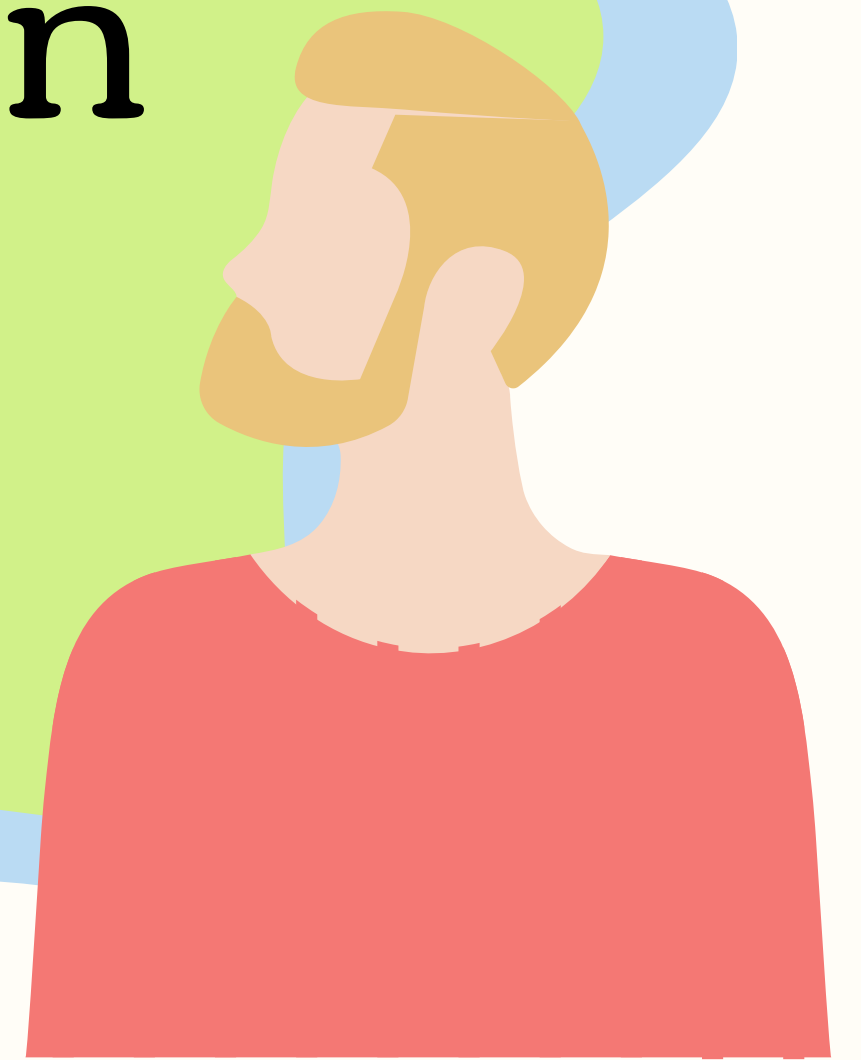
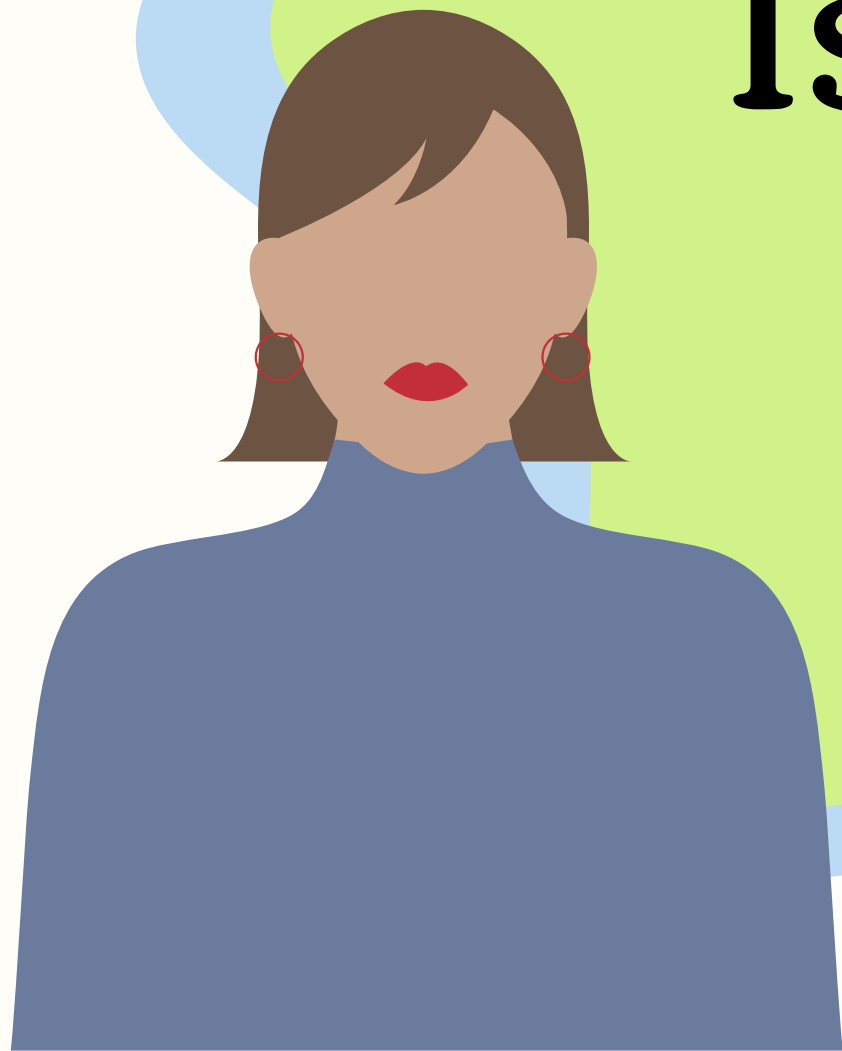
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# Policy Research & Issue Identification

Module 2



# Learning Agenda



## What we'll discuss this afternoon

- Identifying policies that affect your community
- How to research legislation
- Tracking and monitoring bills
- How to identify key stakeholders and allies



# Identifying the Needs Of Your Community

Each congressional session, bills are passed that affect access to healthcare and funding for research & drug development



# Where To Look



## Rare Disease Legislative Advocates

Their policy priorities reflect the most pressing needs of the rare disease community and provide resources, webinar, and policy primers



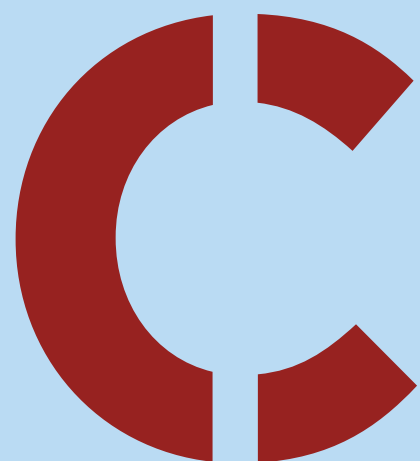
## Take Action Center

They aim to make meaningful, lasting change for chronic disease patients from access to adequate health care to discrimination & the cost of treatment



## Action Campaigns, Priorities & Positions

They work to influence policy and legislation to reduce barriers to care & improve the quality of life of individuals living with chronic pain



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Prior authorization: a process health insurers use to determine whether a medication, treatment or service prescribed by a doctor will be covered.

Access to Telehealth: Examples include virtual visits via video or telephone, mobile applications and remote patient monitoring.

## ***POLICY ISSUES***

Chronic disease patients face battles that healthy Americans do not. From access to adequate health care to discrimination and the cost of treatment—chronic disease patients know America has room for improvement. Policy issues present opportunities to make meaningful, lasting change for everyone.

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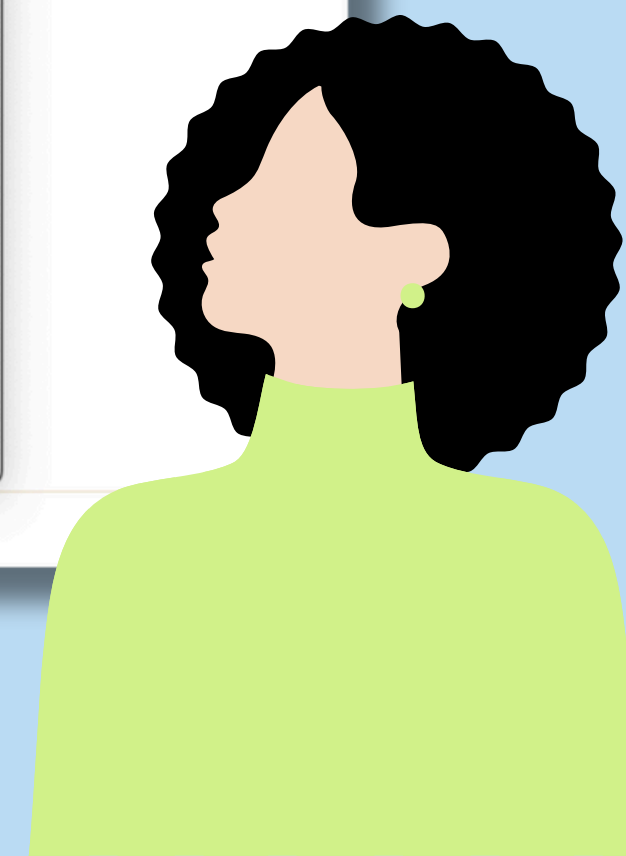
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# Example: Access to Telehealth

## EXPANDING ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH



### What is telehealth?

Telehealth is the use of digital technology to provide health care services remotely. Examples include virtual visits via video or telephone, mobile applications and remote patient monitoring.

### Why is telehealth important for people living with chronic diseases?

For individuals living with chronic diseases, telehealth offers timely access to care, provides cost-savings related to travel and time away from work, and improves their overall quality of life. Telehealth also bridges the gap caused by geographic isolation, ensuring that patients, especially those in rural communities, receive regular, specialized care they need without the added burden of travel.

Imagine an individual with diabetes living in a remote area. With telehealth, they can have a virtual consultation with a specialist to discuss their blood sugar levels, get adjustments to their medication, and have access to remote monitoring tools that allow them to send their glucose readings directly to the doctor. This eliminates the need for long travel, allows for timely management of their condition, prevents complications and improves their health.

Nearly three quarters (74%) of physicians now work in practices that offer telehealth. Provider parity, which ensures telehealth services are reimbursed the same as in-person visits, is essential to ensuring patients get the care they need, where and when they need it most.



Republicans and Democrats at both the state and federal level agree that telehealth provides important, affordable care to patients and families.



"I have found telehealth to be very beneficial. Not only is it convenient, but when I am feeling too sick or in pain due to my illnesses, it makes receiving a diagnosis from a doctor a viable option. Previously, when I was too sick to drive to the doctor's or even too sick to get a ride, I would just have to reschedule the appointment for when I felt better." -Dustin Miller, CDC Ambassador, Wisconsin

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## Policy Primer

## Position Statement



### POSITION STATEMENT: TELEMEDICINE

Telemedicine is the use of technology to provide health care from a distance, such as through video conferencing or over the phone. U.S. Pain Foundation supports the use of telemedicine as an important and innovative form of health care delivery.

Telemedicine is typically used to overcome access barriers for patients with limited travel abilities, such as individuals with disabilities or the elderly, and patients in rural communities, who may have to travel long distances for appropriate care. It also can be used to provide immediate care in emergencies, especially if the patient cannot get to an emergency room. Telemedicine can take place using a variety of communications methods, including telephone, email, videoconference, digital imaging, and other forms of technology.

If employed appropriately, telemedicine can provide important benefits to patients, including: increased access to health care, especially for at-risk groups; improved adherence to clinical advice; and reduced cost of patient care. While it cannot replace in-office assessments provided by medical professionals, patients should have access to telemedicine. Toward this end, telemedicine service should be included in both private and public insurance plans.

The benefits of telemedicine have been well-documented. A study published in the *Clinical Journal of Pain* reviewed eight Canadian patients with chronic pain who each lived about 200 miles from their respective doctors.<sup>1</sup> Researchers found that both patients and doctors saved time and money by meeting virtually. The visits were follow-ups to review patient progress, change medication, or offer counseling. Another study again found that doctors and patients using telemedicine for chronic pain follow-up care may save time and money.<sup>2</sup>

Telemedicine may also, in some cases, be more effective than standard care, according to researchers at Indiana University School of Medicine, particularly when all the potential of technology is harnessed for tracking patient well-being.<sup>3</sup> A study of 250 patients compared those receiving telemedicine to those receiving traditional care from a general practitioner. The telemedicine group was asked to record their levels of pain by phone or online. Doctors used a special algorithm to adjust medication based on the patients' responses. After one year, patients in the telemedicine group said their pain improved by 30 percent, while patients receiving standard care said their pain worsened.

U.S. Pain Foundation supports legislative action at both state and federal levels to make available benefits of telemedicine to all patient populations, but especially those with limited access to care for physical or geographic reasons.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16691087>

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/health-wellness/2014/07/20/telemedicine-may-ease-chronic-pain/1ENXEzLQJnfkzwY1ZXXw4L/story.html>

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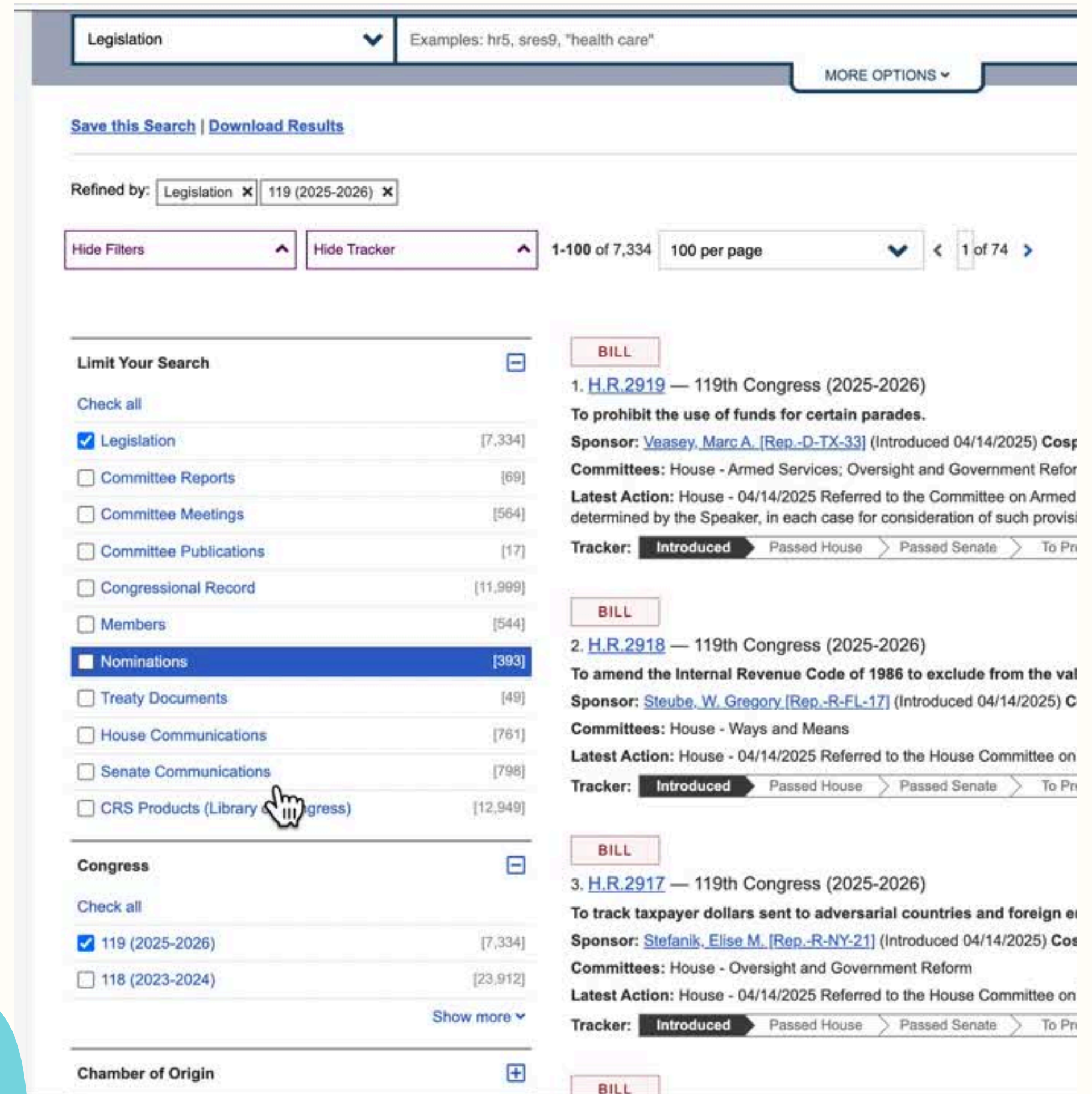
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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the valuation of certain property the value of the property.  
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**Sponsor:** [Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[Rep.-D-NM-3\]](#) (Introduced 04/03/2025) Co  
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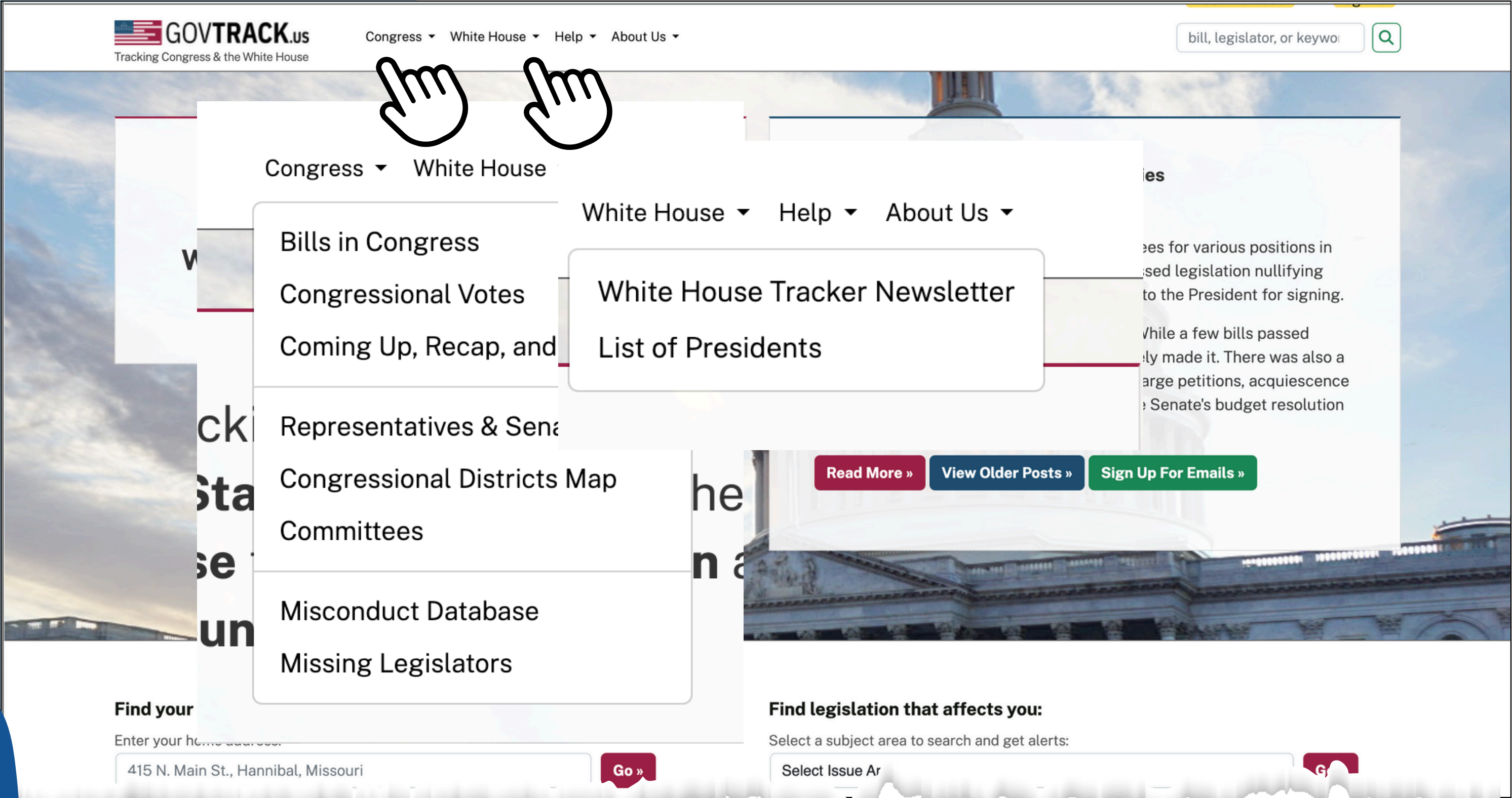
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☐ H.R. (2,966 bills)

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sponsors Prognosis

# GovTrack.us



## S. 1261: CONNECT for Health Act of 2012

Sponsor: Sen. Brian Schatz

Introduced

April 2, 2025

Cosponsors [59 Cosponsors](#) (30 Republicans, 27 Democrats, 2 Independents)

Prognosis 0% chance of being enacted ([details](#))

Source [Congress.gov](#)

### History

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### Prognosis Details

This bill has a . . .

**1%** chance of getting past committee.

**0%** chance of being enacted.

Only 11% of bills made it past committee and only about 2% were enacted in 2021–2023.

#### Factors considered:

↑ The bill was introduced in the first 90 days of the Congress.

↑ The bill was introduced in the first year of the Congress.

↑ There is at least one cosponsor from the majority party and one cosponsor outside of the majority party.

↓ At least two cosponsors serve on a committee to which the bill has been referred.

↓ The bill was referred to Senate Finance.


↓ This bill was a re-introduction of S. 2016 (118th) from the previous session of Congress.

These factors are correlated with either an increased or decreased chance of being enacted.

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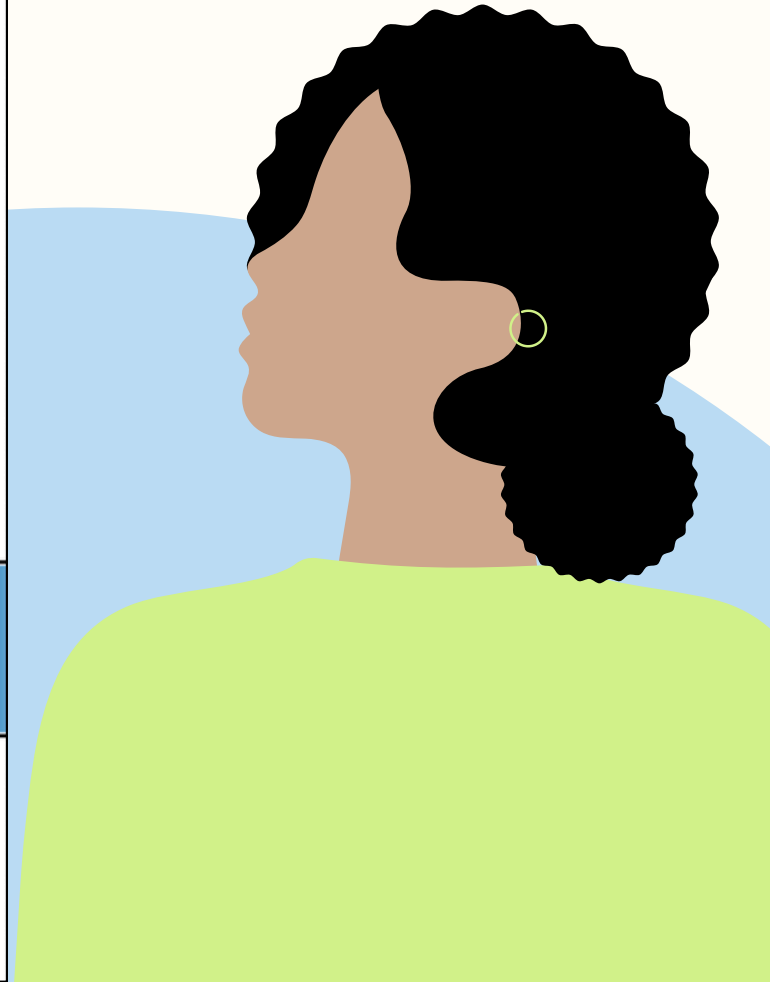
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- **vaccination**
  - Simple word search for bills dealing with vaccination
- **transgender OR gender**
  - Legislative texts that include either gender or transgender anywhere in the document
- **election AND ballot**
  - Legislative texts that include both election and ballot anywhere in the document
- **personal ADJ property ADJ tax**
  - Bills relevant and affecting personal property tax
- **hemp OR cannabis OR marijuana**
  - Match legislation containing any of the words hemp, cannabis or marijuana
- **abortion OR (pregnancy NEAR termination)**
  - Legislation relating to abortion and pregnancy termination
- **"National Popular Vote"**
  - Generally concerned with the National Popular Vote interstate compact
- **((reform OR repeal) AND "Affordable Care Act") AND (exchange OR connector**
  - Search-Fu concerning ACA/Medicaid reforms to exchanges and benefits
- **status:introduced AND (alternative ADJ fuel)**
  - Find introduced alternative fuel legislation
- **type:B AND status:passed**
  - All bills affecting code statutes and law that have successfully passed
- **action:month AND mask**
  - All bills concerning masks that have had activity this month
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  - All bills that have been introduced this week



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HR860	Pass	Commending Honeysuckle Cafe. <a href="#">[Detail]</a> <a href="#">[Text]</a> <a href="#">[Discuss]</a>	<b>2025-04-03</b> Bill text as pas:
HR855	Pass	Commending Marjorie Mayfield Jackson. <a href="#">[Detail]</a> <a href="#">[Text]</a> <a href="#">[Discuss]</a>	<b>2025-04-03</b> Bill text as pas:
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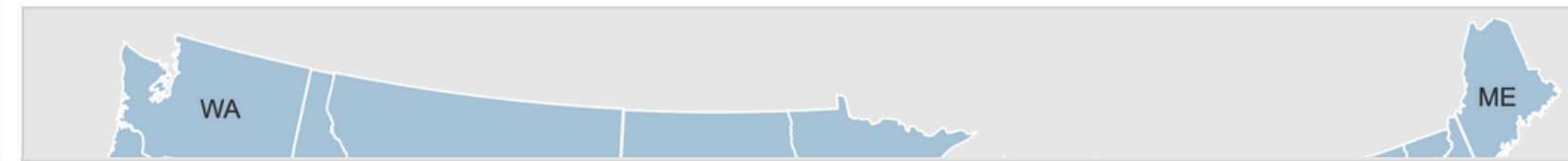
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For U.S. States and Territories

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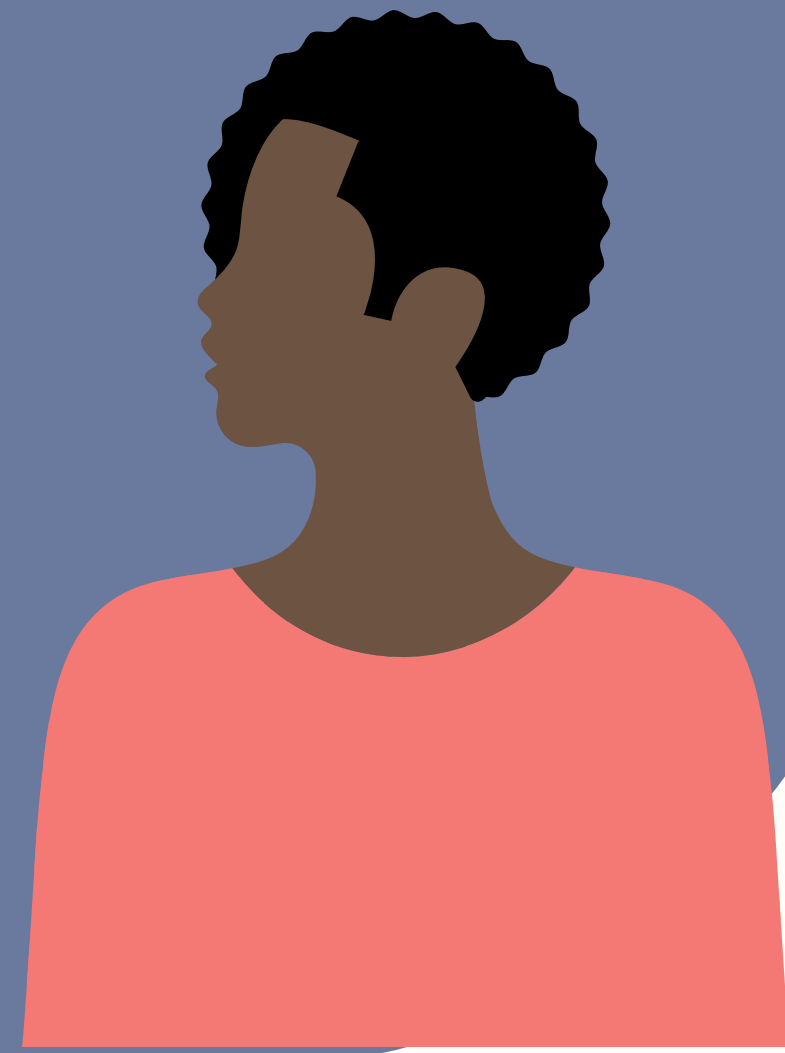
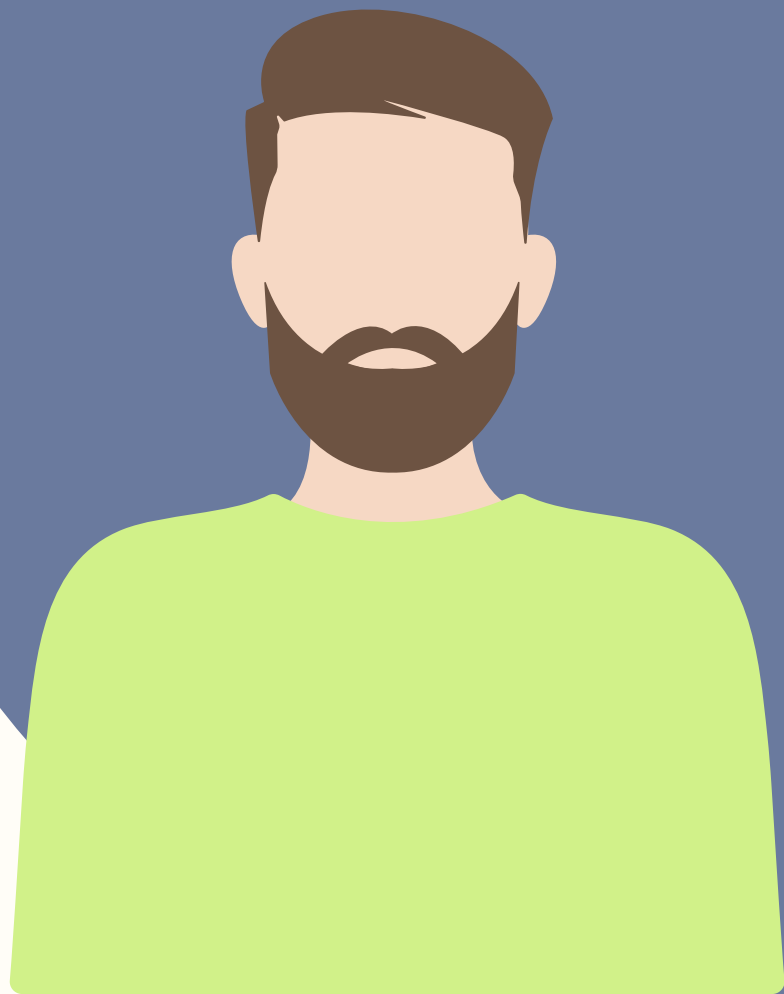
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1. [H.R.3232](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026)  
To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.  
Sponsor: [Cohen, Steve \[Rep.-D-TN-9\]](#) (Introduced 05/07/2025)  
Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure  
Latest Action: House - 05/07/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure

2. [H.R.3119](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026)  
Reconnecting Rural America Act of 2025  
Sponsor: [Nunn, Zachary \[Rep.-R-IA-3\]](#) (Introduced 04/30/2025)  
Committees: House - Agriculture; Energy and Commerce  
Latest Action: House - 04/30/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Rural Development, determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration in such order as the Speaker may determine

3. [H.R.3117](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026)  
To amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2025 to increase the amount of the appropriation for the Department of Agriculture.  
Sponsor: [Meng, Grace \[Rep.-D-NY-6\]](#) (Introduced 04/30/2025)  
Committees: House - Agriculture  
Latest Action: House - 04/30/2025 Referred to the Subcommittee on Agriculture

4. [S.1540](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026)  
Fairness for Victims of SNAP Skimming Act of 2025  
Sponsor: [Fetterman, John \[Sen.-D-PA\]](#) (Introduced 04/30/2025)  
Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
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5. [H.Res.353](#) — 119th Congress (2025-2026)  
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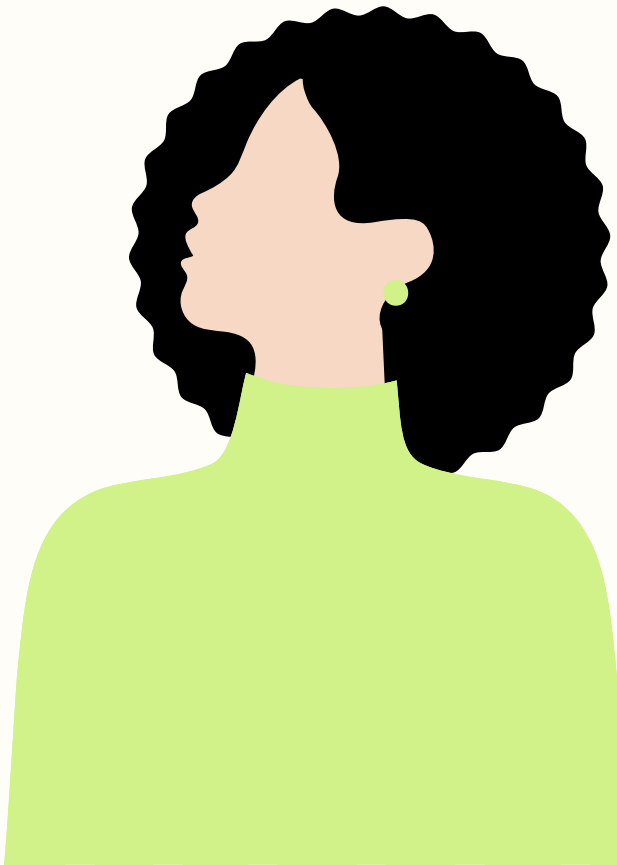
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is an interactive search results set.

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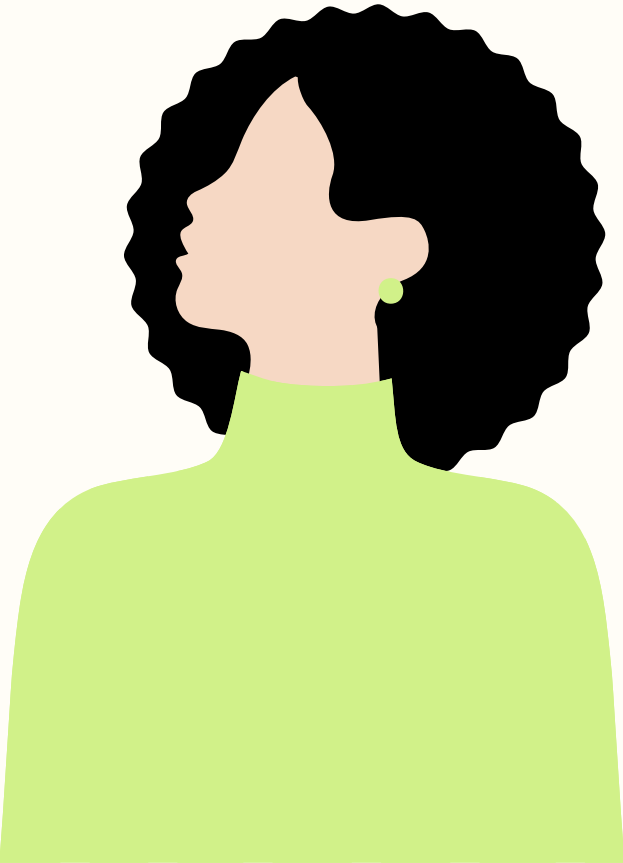
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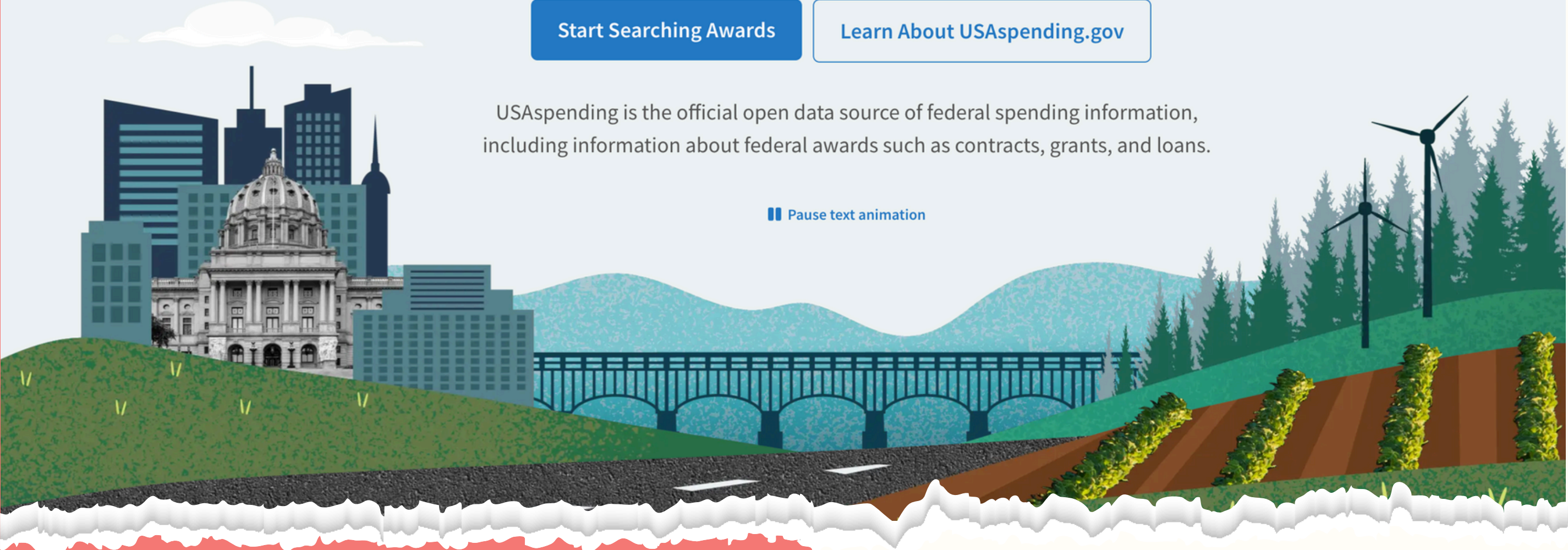
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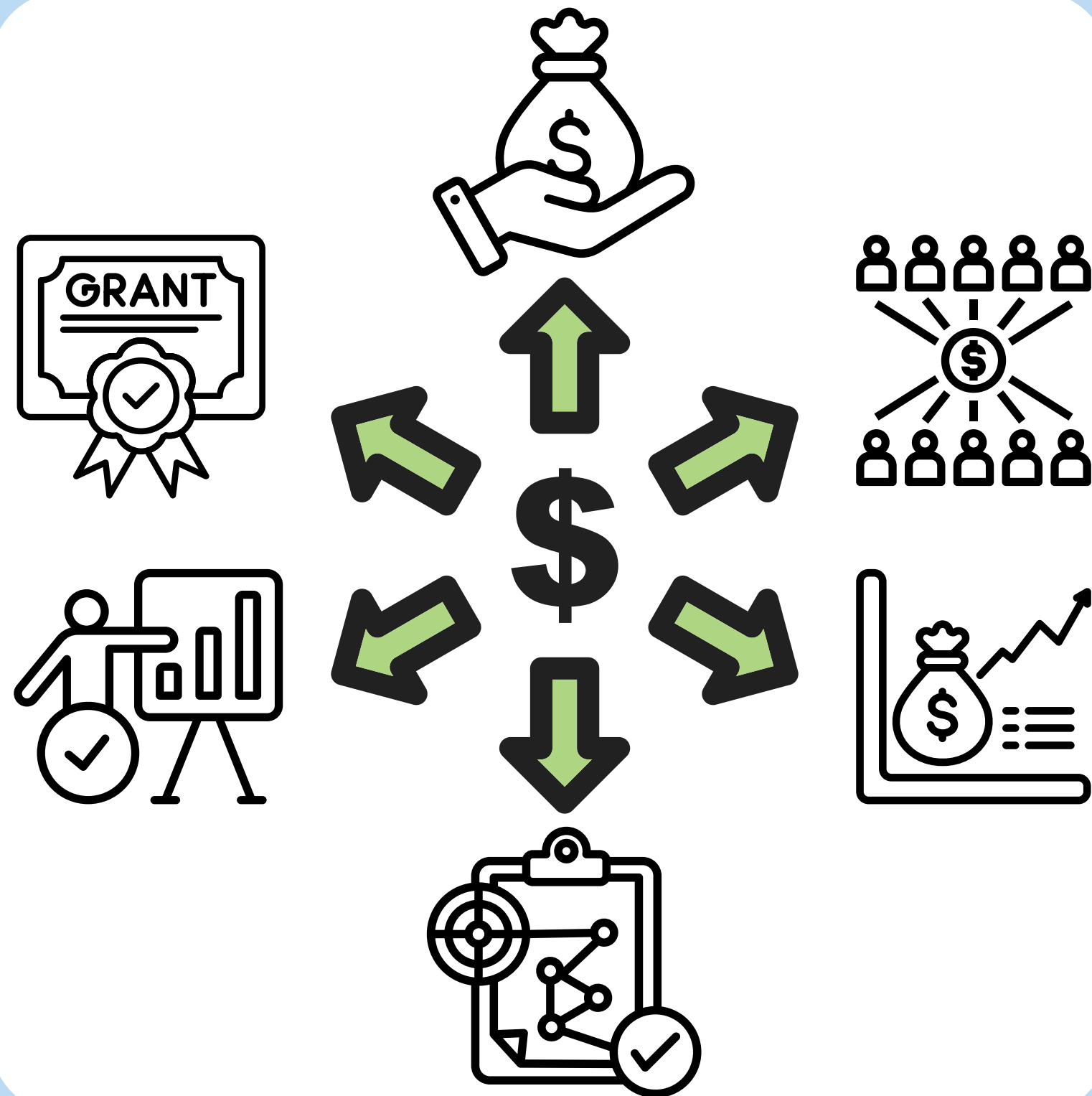
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# Understanding Appropriations



# Key Points

- 01 Every bill addresses a problem and proposes a solution — know both.
- 02 Understanding a bill's impact (social, financial, political) is important when advocating.
- 03 Tracking a bill's progress helps you know when and how to act.
- 04 Know who supports and opposes the bill — and why — to strengthen your strategy.
- 05 Key tools for research: [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov), [GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us), [USASpending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov).



# TRACKING LEGISLATION

## Step 1: Identify the Bill

### Where to Search

- [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) – Official source for federal legislation.
- [GovTrack.us](https://www.govtrack.us) – User-friendly summaries and tracking.
- [LegiScan](https://www.legiscan.com) – Tracks state and federal bills.

### Bill Information:

- **Bill Number** (e.g., H.R.1234 / S.5678)
- **Bill Title**
- **Sponsor(s)**
- **Date Introduced**
- **Current Status** (e.g., Introduced, In Committee, Passed House, etc.)

## Step 2: Understand the Bill's Purpose

### Read the Bill Summary and/or Text

Use sources such as:  
Congress.gov, LegiScan, GovTrack. and  
[USASpending.gov](https://www.usaspending.gov)

- **What is the main goal of this bill?**
- **Who does this bill impact?**
- **What situation prompted its creation?**

## Step 3: Track the Bill's Progress


### Key Legislative Stages:

- **Introduced** – The bill is submitted in the House or Senate
- **Committee Review** – Assigned to a committee for discussion
- **Floor Vote** – Debated and voted on in the chamber (House/Senate)
- **Other Chamber** – If passed, sent to the other chamber for approval
- **Presidential Action** – If both chambers pass it, the president signs or vetoes it
- **Where is the bill currently in the process?**

 **Pro Tip:** Set up bill tracking alerts on GovTrack, LegiScan, or Congress.gov for updates.

## Step 4: Identify Supporters & Opponents

- **Who supports this bill?** (Legislators, organizations, advocacy groups, etc.)
- **Who opposes this bill?** (Opposition groups, industries, etc.)

 **Pro Tip:** Check news articles, press releases, and organizational statements.

## Step 5: Take Action

### How can you advocate for or against this bill?

- **Contact legislators**
- **Mobilize supporters through social media**
- **Write an op-ed or letter to the editor.**
- **Join or organize an advocacy campaign.**