



February 7, 2022

Chairman Patrick Leahy
Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Vice-Chairman Richard Shelby
Senate Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
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Ranking Member Kay Granger
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Leahy and Ranking Member Shelby and Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As we get closer to the February 18 deadline for the current continuing resolution (CR), the undersigned members of the Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD) strongly urge you to pass the twelve appropriations bills for the Fiscal Year 2022 and avoid any further delays. A year-long CR at FY 2021 levels would have significant impacts on the lives of people with disabilities and their families and would be troubling for many people with disabilities and the programs and projects that support them.

CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for Federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society free from racism, ableism, sexism, and xenophobia, as well as LGBTQ+ based discrimination and religious intolerance.

The annual appropriations bills provide urgently needed increases for funding that impact people with disabilities and their families. People with disabilities and their families depend on these programs and projects for critical supports and services including necessary health care, employment supports, transportation, and education and related services. Given the current pandemic, efforts by programs funded by the federal government are critical to keeping people safe, healthy, employed, or in school. Additionally, programs that support heating assistance, food delivery, and other assistance to get through this pandemic are needed.

Congress has an important job to do – pass appropriations bills that support people. We urge Congress to get the job done and help millions of people, including the 64 million Americans who live with disabilities, have access to programs that support them to live their best life. Last Friday, the office of SAC Ranking Member Richard Shelby (R-AL) released a statement reiterating that “[o]ur goal remains the same—we hope to complete the FY22 appropriations process by our current deadline of February 18.”

We hope that Ranking Member Shelby's words will come true and that a bill will be passed allowing Americans with and without disabilities who depend on strong healthcare, employment, education, and social service systems to have the peace of mind that their needs will be met.

Please reach out to the CCD Fiscal Policy Task Force co-chairs with any questions:

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