## Advancing Research for Neurological Diseases Act

REQUEST: Co-sponsor the Advancing Research for Neurological Diseases Act of 2015 (H.R. 292/S. 849) Why It's Important Data Collection is Critical for Research • The Advancing Research for Neurological Diseases Act will require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to track the incidence and prevalence of neurological illnesses.

- Data collected will present a basis for evaluating and understanding elements of neurological ailmentssuch as the geography of diagnoses, variances in gender, illness burden, and adjustments in healthcarepractices.
- We estimate that 500,000 1.5 million Americans live with Parkinson's disease, but that determine is justa rough estimate. This lack of core information inhibits Parkinson's analysis, treatments, packages, andservices.
- Without basic information regarding the size and make-up of individuals with neurological ailments, our researchersare working at a definite drawback.

Additional information may lead to new treatment targets, higherunderstanding of the illnesses, and in the end their cures. Much of the Data Already Exists CDC will use a technique that depends on information from existing databases, such as Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs, state and local registries, pharmacy databases, and different sources.

## Bill is AffordableThis is a reasonable resolution to a very costly downside.

In reality, this bill prices \$25 million over five years. According to the Society for Neuroscience, Americans spend about the same amount every half-hourtreating neurological sicknesses, totaling a whopping \$500 billion every year.

HistoryH.R. 292 was launched by Reps. Michael Burgess (R-TX) and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and S. 849 wasintroduced by Sens. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and Christopher Murphy (D-CT). The invoice is included in H.R. 6, the 21st Century Cures Act, which was handed by the House of Representatives in July 2015.

In the 111th Congress, the info collection legislation unanimously handed the united states House of Representatives.

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