



APPROPRIATIONS

2025

SHOW US THE MONEY!

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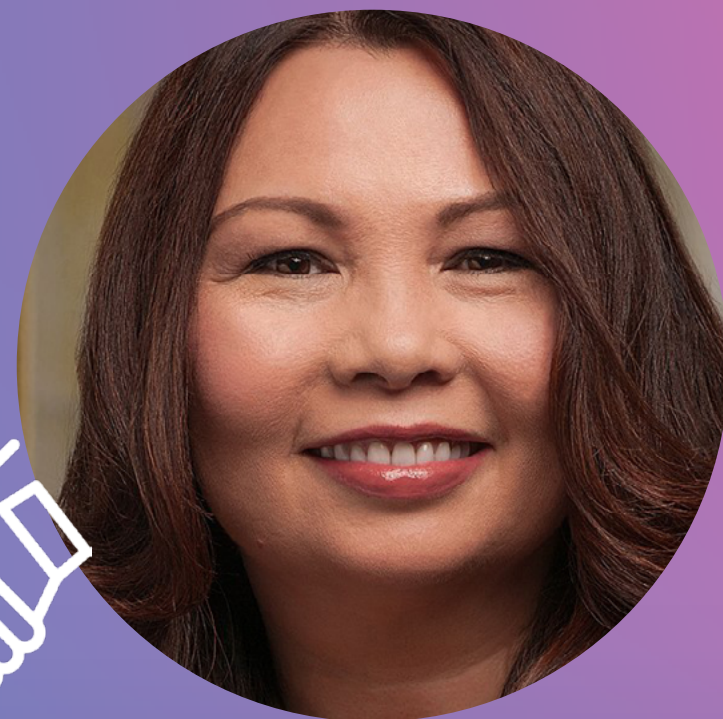
This year, there are multiple potential funding lanes to further Long Covid research, from ARPA-H to the Department of Defense.

We know this can get confusing, because there are several plays, and the asks can be slightly different depending on your legislators.

The easiest option is to use the new Call Guide tool at longcovidmoonshot.com, which personalizes a script for your specific legislators. Read on for more info about each part!



1 *the* LETTER



Extended! **THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 10:**

Senators Markey, Kaine, and Duckworth have our back!

They're introducing a letter to their colleagues on the Appropriations Committee requesting funding for Long Covid research in the 2025 Appropriations cycle.

Through Friday, May 10, we're asking the other Senators to endorse this Letter.

The Call Guide tool at longcovidmoonshot.com will generate a personalized script for you!



WHAT DOES THIS LETTER REQUEST?

- At least \$1b/year for 10 years in Long Covid research funding to the NIH Office of the Director
- \$200m to ARPA-H for “high risk, high reward” Long Covid research
- \$20m to fund the Office of Long Covid Research & Practice
- \$13.5m to the AHRQ to continue its dissemination of best practices in Long Covid care



② *keep* GOING



THROUGH MAY 14, DON'T LET UP!

We'll keep calling and writing to our elected reps to ask them to include this funding as they finalize their own requests to the Appropriations Committee.

This final, extended push is crucial to gain attention and funding for Long Covid in FY2025. Please participate however you can!





WRITE HERE RIGHT NOW

We've added FY25 Appropriations scripts to Action Network so that you can easily message your own legislators with these specific requests for funding. Customize them as much as you like!

Link on our website, longcovidmoonshot.com.

NOTE: This is not a mass email, but rather a way to message your own legislators with prefilled, editable text to assist you.

MAY CAMPAIGN FAQs

This is a lot! When is it all happening?

We know, it's a lot to take in! Trying to make the most of these last-minute opportunities requires quick responses, which can definitely be a challenge. There are several deadlines for actions.

We only have until **Tuesday, May 7** to request that our legislators sign the Markey/Kaine/Duckworth letter requesting LC research funding.

Then, through **Tuesday, May 14**, we can continue to call and email to ask all Senators to include these requests and other support for Long Covid research in their office's Appropriations request.



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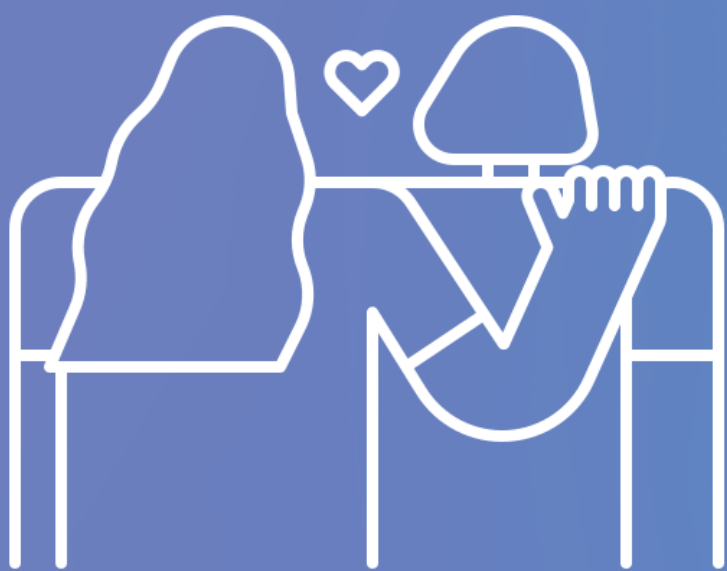
What happened to Bernie's Moonshot Act?

Still in the works! In the meantime, we recognize that Long Covid's needs are both deep and broad. 🚀 **Long Covid Moonshot**, our advocacy group, will always work as hard as we can to bring every worthy opportunity to endorse Long Covid-centric legislation to the people!

What if I don't agree with these asks?

Take what you can use, and leave the rest. Every advocate for Long Covid who raises their voice for awareness is a win for us all. The most important message is that the Long Covid crisis is not going away without funding, research & treatments.





ALLIES APPRECIATED!

We are so excited for you to take part in our actions! See our website, longcovidmoonshot.com, for Call Guides tailored to you. As a Long Covid-aware voter and constituent, you have critical power to demand action from our elected officials.

We are so grateful for your support of a loved one suffering – raising your voice to request research funding is one key way that you can help in the fight!

For seeing us, and being with us – Thank you.





WHAT ARE THE ASKS?

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Read on to learn more about the various requests for Long Covid funding we are asking for!



\$1b+

AT LEAST \$1B FOR NIH LONG COVID RESEARCH

The National Institutes of Health is the largest funder of biomedical research in the world. Grants from the NIH make up the bread and butter of most research labs.

We are asking for at least \$1b of funding from the NIH for Long Covid research so that labs across the country can study Long Covid in fiscal year 2025.



\$200m

\$200M TO ARPA-H FOR “HIGH RISK, HIGH REWARD” LONG COVID RESEARCH

Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health is a new independent agency within the NIH, founded in 2022. Its mission is to fund transformative biomedical and health breakthroughs - solving hard problems and seeking high-impact answers.

We are asking for \$200m of ARPA-H funding for ‘high risk, high reward’ Long Covid research.



\$20m

TO FUND THE HHS OFFICE OF LONG COVID RESEARCH & PRACTICE

The Office of Long Covid Research & Practice in the Department of Health and Human Services works across the U.S. Government to coordinate the whole-of-government response for Long Covid.

They are one of our main allies in the Government and their work is vital to making sure that Long Covid programs prioritize important issues to patients, and reduce duplication and waste.



\$13.5m

TO THE AHRQ TO CONTINUE ITS DISSEMINATION OF BEST PRACTICES IN LONG COVID CARE

The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** works to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable.

We are asking for \$13.5m for the agency to continue its work on sharing best practice in Long Covid care, to improve the quality of care that Long Covid patients receive across the country.



LABOR-HHS REPORT LANGUAGE THAT ENSURES EFFICIENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY ON LONG COVID RESEARCH SPENDING AND PROGRESS

Report language is information that is included in the reports that accompany legislation. They are used to provide extra guidance to departments and agencies.

We are asking for report language to go with the appropriations bill, that asks for the NIH to describe its plans for accelerating Long Covid research in future budget proposals to Congress, and to provide a detailed report on how money is being spent for Long Covid.



LONG COVID TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF TOPIC AREAS FOR THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED MEDICAL RESEARCH PROGRAM'S PRMRP

The Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program is a Department of Defense program that seeks to improve the health of military service members, veterans and their families.

Adding Long Covid to the list of Topic Areas means that it will be included in the list of diseases that are eligible to be studied by the program. In FY2023, the PRMRP had a budget of \$370 million.





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