



June 9, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services, and Education  
2358 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
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Appropriations Subcommittee  
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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
Ranking Member  
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Appropriations Subcommittee  
156 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Cole, Chair Murray, and Ranking Member Blunt:

On behalf of the National Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (ATAP) and the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), we **strongly urge you to support the inclusion, at minimum, of the President's Budget request of \$46.5 million in the FY 2022 House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations (LHHS) bill for the Assistive Technology (AT) Act programs. While, \$50 million is formally requested by ATAP and NDRN we wanted to highlight the support the White House provided for a significant increase in the program's baseline.** Funding provided through the AT Act supports programs that assure people with disabilities have access to and acquisition of the assistive technology services they need to live, work, and attend school in their communities. *Additionally, these services are directly supporting vulnerable populations who are gravely impacted by COVID-19.*

The AT Act puts assistive technology in the hands of citizens whose lives and livelihood depend on it. If \$50 million were allocated in FY 2022 for authorized AT Act programs, it would be well spent and would generate matching investments from states and from the private sector. Given the current level of demand experienced by all these agencies -- as well as the heightened demand due to the global pandemic of COVID-19 -- reaching the level of fully funding the AT Act is critically needed.

If you need further information about the AT Act and the programs and services it supports please contact Audrey Busch at [Audrey.busch@ataporg.org](mailto:Audrey.busch@ataporg.org), or Eric Buehlmann at [eric.buehlmann@ndrn.org](mailto:eric.buehlmann@ndrn.org). Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,



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