



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES

Technology and Telecommunications Task Force Policy Recommendations: 117th Congress & Biden Administration

Congress

- **Increase funding for the Assistive Technology Act (AT Act)**, which supports 56 State AT programs helping millions of Americans with disabilities access assistive technology and related services. Currently, the AT Act is funded at \$36.5 million, leaving 10 states and the District of Columbia severely underfunded. To fully support all 50 states and Territories, Congress must fund the AT Act at \$60 million.
- **Reauthorize the AT Act** by passing *S. 2401, The 21st Century Assistive Technology Act*, introduced by Senators Bob Casey (D-PA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), and Kevin Cramer (R-ND).
- **Protect Medicaid from cuts or funding caps.** Medicaid provides health care and long-term services and supports to over 10 million adults and children with disabilities. Participants depend on Medicaid to acquire assistive technology and receive services for their health, education, daily living, independence, and well-being.

Biden Administration U.S. Department of Justice

Focus on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Access and Accessibility

- **Issue regulations** including clear and enforceable standards for the procurement, design, maintenance, and use of accessible websites, online systems, mobile applications, and other forms of ICT by state and local governments and public accommodations under Titles II and III of the ADA.
- **Implement the Government-Wide Strategic Plan on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility** in the Federal Workforce.
- **Expand access to accessible education and health care technology** (including AT, telehealth, and virtual platforms).

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Comprised of over 120 national organizations, the mission of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) is to engage in concerted advocacy for national 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; that enhances the civil rights and quality of life of all people with disabilities and their families; and that reflects the values of the Americans with Disabilities Act and all civil rights law. The CCD Technology and Telecommunications Task Force focuses on policy issues related to access to telecommunications and assistive technology in education, employment, and independent living.

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