



Technology and Telecommunications Task Force Policy Recommendations: 118th 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 AT and related services. Currently, the AT Act is funded at \$38 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.
- **Support the *Websites and Software Applications Accessibility Act of 2023 (H.R. 5813/S.2984)***, a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would require that websites and applications used by covered public entities that communicate or interact with applicants, employees, participants, customers, or other members of the public be readily accessible to and useable by individuals with disabilities.
- **Support the *Communications, Video, & Technology Accessibility Act (S. 2494/HR 4858)***, a bill to amend and update the 21st Century Communications & Video Accessibility Act.
- **Support supplemental funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program** to ensure millions of eligible households can access high-speed internet.
- **Protect Medicaid from cuts or funding caps.** Medicaid provides healthcare and long-term services and support to over 10 million adults and children with disabilities. Participants depend on Medicaid to acquire AT and receive services for their health, education, daily living, independence, and well-being.

Biden Administration

Focus on Information and Communication Technology Access and Accessibility

- **Promulgate final regulations** to enforce compliance in web, application [and kiosk] accessibility, affirming and communicating obligations under Title II of the ADA, Sections 504 and 508, Section 255, including the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) as an appropriate web accessibility standard to meet in order to ensure full accessibility of people with disabilities.
- **Implement the Government-Wide Strategic Plan on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility** in the Federal Workforce.
- **Implement recommendations from the 2024 National Educational Technology Plan (NETP): A Call to Action for Closing the Digital Access, Design and Use Divides.**
- **Help states and districts improve access to AT for school-age children** by utilizing new federal guidance titled: *Dear Colleague Letter: Myths and Facts Surrounding Assistive Technology Devices*.

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Comprised of over 120 national organizations, the mission of the Consortium for Constituents 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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