



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

## **FY 2018 Omnibus Provides Welcome Relief for People with Disabilities**

Washington DC, March 28, 2018 - The Co-Chairs of the Fiscal Policy Task Force of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), a national coalition of more than 100 national disability organizations, applauds and thanks Congress for passing essential legislation that funds the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year. This bi-partisan compromise helps to restore years of lost funding for many disability programs that support the nation's 59 million Americans who live with a disability.

The budget relief made possible by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 has allowed Congress to make much needed investments in a variety of programs that make community living possible for people with disabilities. We are pleased to see that Congress continues to value programs that provide education, housing, advocacy, public health and other essential services needed for people with disabilities to live independently. We also trust that the success of this bipartisan measure will help make the FY 2019 appropriations process a timely one conducted in regular order.

"We are generally pleased with the outcome. The final bill does not include many of the cuts proposed by the President and includes some important increases to early intervention, family caregiver programs, and other programs that support individuals with disabilities in the community," said Kim Musheno, Chair of CCD.

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The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a broad coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for national public policy that ensures the education, self determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. For more information visit [www.c-c-d.org](http://www.c-c-d.org) or contact CCD's Fiscal Policy Task Force Co-Chairs: Annie Acosta, 202-783-2229 or [acosta@thearc.org](mailto:acosta@thearc.org); Lisa Ekman, 202-550-9996 or [Lisa.Ekman@nosscr.org](mailto:Lisa.Ekman@nosscr.org); Kim Musheno, 301-657-0881 or [kmusheno@autism-society.org](mailto:kmusheno@autism-society.org); Donna Meltzer, 202-506-5813 or [dmeltzer@nacdd.org](mailto:dmeltzer@nacdd.org)

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