115th Congress – Jan. 3

• 62 new House Members and 473 incumbents

• Rep. Paul D. Ryan (R-WI) -- Speaker of the House

• Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) -- House Minority Leader
Key House Committees

- Appropriations
  - Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-ED-Related
- Energy and Commerce
  - Subcommittee on Health
  - Oversight and Investigations
- House Education and the Workforce
- Armed Services
- Veterans Affairs’
House Caucuses

• Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
• Neuroscience Caucus
• Safe Kids Caucus
• Bi-partisan Disability Caucus
115th Congress -- Senate

• 7 new Senators

• Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) – President Pro Tempore

• Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) – Minority Leader
Senate Key Committees

- Senate Appropriations
  - Subcommittee on Labor—HHS-ED—Related Agencies
  - Subcommittee Defense
  - Subcommittee on Military Construction, VA and Related Agencies
Senate Key Committees

• Health, Education, Labor & Pensions (HELP)

• Special Select Committee on Aging
Contacts

Finding more information about your Rep./Senators:

• www.house.gov
• www.senate.gov
Republicans Control

- Presidency
- U.S. Senate and House of Representatives
- 66 State Legislative Chambers
- Both Chambers in 32 States
- 33 Governorships
Current Issues

- Senate Confirmation hearings
- Rolling back regulations
- Budget reconciliation
- FY 2017 and FY 2018 appropriations
- Repeal and replace ACA
  - Medicaid Proposals
  - Medicare and Social Security
Appropriations

- CR for FY 2017
- FY 2018 – President’s Budget
- NASHIA TBI Requests
  - State Grant; P&A
  - TBI Model Systems
  - CDC Surveillance
- CBITF Sign on Letters
ACA

- Budget Reconciliation -- Healthcare
  - Repeal ACA
- Budget Reconciliation ACA Taxes
- Healthcare Replacement
  - House hearings on Medicaid
  - E/C Chair’s on pre-existing conditions, HR 112
  - Ryan’s Better Way Plan
Republican Leaders’ Plan

- Tax credits
- Health savings accounts
- Proposed Medicaid changes
  - State control – fixed amt.
  - Block grant; per capita cap
  - Roll back Medicaid expansion
TBI Act Programs

- Transferred to ACL
- Federal Interagency Plan
- Future Direction
  - Calls with stakeholders; public conf. calls
  - “As Is” document
  - “To be” document
  - March 21 meeting

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What Can You Do?

• Coming to Washington, DC in March?
  o Set up office visits
  o Invite your Rep./Senators to CBITF Awareness events

• Not coming?
  o Call anyway, extending invitation to the events
  o Letting staff know of the issues

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Setting Up Office Visits

• Call office or switchboard  
  – Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121  
• Tell them you’re a constituent  
• Schedule appointments 60-90 minutes apart  
• Coordinate with others from your state  
  – Disability Policy Seminar (I/DD)
March 21 ACL Meeting

- Meet ACL/TBI staff
- Consumer engagement
- Federal partners
- Federal Interagency Plan
- Future direction

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CBITF Awareness Day – March 22

• 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Injury Awareness Fair; Rayburn Foyer

• 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM -- Briefing
  o Faces of Brain Injury: The Invisible Disability Affecting Children and Adults; Rayburn Gold Room, Room 2168
CBITF Awareness Day

• 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM – Reception
  Celebrating Brain Injury Awareness Month; Rayburn Gold Room, Room 2168

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Prepare for Appt.

• Purpose
• State brain injury information/contacts
• Become a member of CBITF
• Sign on to CBITF letters
  – Appropriations request
• Leave contact information
• Follow up

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