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Advocacy Alert: Support the Federal ABLE Improvement Bills

NDSS is pleased that two of the [federal ABLE improvement bills](#) are advancing this Congress, and we need your help to get more cosponsors so that we can push them across the finish line:

- **The ABLE to Work Act** ([HR 4795/S 2702](#)) would enable ABLE beneficiaries who work and earn income to save additional amounts in their ABLE accounts
- **The ABLE Financial Planning Act** ([HR 4794/S 2703](#)) would allow rollovers of 529 accounts to ABLE (529A) accounts

These bills have advanced from the Senate Finance Committee and now head to the Senate floor. NDSS envisions a world in which all people with Down syndrome have the opportunity to enhance their quality of life, realize their life aspirations and become valued members of welcoming communities, and these two bills are important steps toward NDSS' mission.

Please [take action](#) to encourage your Members of Congress to cosponsor both the **ABLE to Work Act** and the **ABLE Financial Planning Act**:

TAKE ACTION

NDSS is also supportive of the **ABLE Age Adjustment Act** ([HR 4813/S 2704](#)), which would raise the age of onset of disability from 26 to 46 enabling individuals who become disabled later in life to open ABLE accounts. This bill has not yet moved in the Senate due to the extremely high score (cost) on the bill, while the scores on both the ABLE to Work Act and the ABLE Financial Planning Act have been deemed to be negligible. NDSS is working with our Congressional Champions to try to advance the ABLE Age Adjustment Act but the high cost may deter it from moving this session.

To learn more about ABLE and the ABLE improvement bills, please visit the [NDSS website](#). If you have any questions, please contact me at hsachs@ndss.org or Jawanda Mast, NDSS Manager of Grassroots Advocacy, at jmast@ndss.org.

Thank you for your advocacy and support!

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