



Support Your Constituents with Alopecia Areata: Co-sponsor H.R. 7546 and S. 3872

Alopecia Areata

Alopecia areata is a common autoimmune disease that most visibly causes hair loss on the scalp and body, often unpredictably. Affecting nearly 7 million Americans over their lifetime, alopecia areata has profound consequences for mental health, social functioning, and quality of life.

“My first year with alopecia areata was one of nervousness, shame, and hiding. When I got my first good-quality wig, I cried from relief and joy. I looked like myself again and could go back out into the world with confidence.”

Legislative Ask: Co-sponsor H.R. 7546 and S.3872

Cranial prostheses (medical wigs) are critical for people living with alopecia areata. They can restore well-being and support mental health and are a medically necessary prosthesis that helps people live with the disease. High-quality cranial prostheses can cost thousands of dollars, making them unaffordable for many patients. H.R. 7546 and S. 3872 would provide Medicare coverage for medical wigs when a healthcare provider prescribes a cranial prosthesis as medically necessary.

To co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact Isabella Edo with Representative Jim McGovern’s office at Isabella.Edo@mail.house.gov or Kasandra Navarro with Senator Richard Blumenthal’s office at Kasandra_Navarro@blumenthal.senate.gov.

The National Alopecia Areata Foundation® (NAAF®)

NAAF is the largest alopecia areata advocacy organization, amplifying patient voices to transform care and lives. NAAF drives research to find a cure and accessible treatments for alopecia areata, supports those impacted, and educates the public about the disease.

“A wig allows me to lead, advocate, and show up professionally without my medical condition defining the moment. That protection is not cosmetic; it is essential to my mental health and ability to function at work.”