

IBD Issues Support Tracker 2022–2023



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The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation works to find cures for inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) and improve the quality of life of patients living with these digestive diseases. One way we do this is by urging members of Congress to join the Congressional Crohn's & Colitis Caucus, support IBD medical research, and improve patient access to care by advancing legislation such as the Safe Step Act and the Medical Nutrition Equity Act.

Curious if your legislators support the needs of IBD patients? Take a look below to see whether they have co-sponsored the bills or joined the caucus. Use this information when you contact them to either thank them for their support, or encourage them to join these initiatives. If you do not see your legislator listed, they have not yet taken action on our issues. Learn more about our advocacy program at <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/get-involved/be-an-advocate> or contact Erin McKeon, Associate Director, Federal Advocacy, at emckeon@crohnscolitisfoundation.org.

Key Terms: Learn more about these bills and other initiatives on our [Advocacy Priorities](#) webpage.

Safe Step Act: Co-sponsors of the federal step therapy reform bill, the Safe Step Act. **MNEA:** Co-sponsors of the Medical Nutrition Equity Act. **DoD FY22 Letter:** Senate letter signatories supporting IBD medical research at the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2022. **LHHS FY22 Letter:** House letter signatories supporting IBD research at NIH and CDC for fiscal year 2022. **117th:** The 117th Congress, which is currently meeting and will meet in 2021–2022. **116th:** The 116th Congress, which took place in 2019–2020.

Senate

Senators	Safe Step Act (117th)	MNEA (117th)	DoD FY22 Letter	Safe Step Act (116th)	MNEA (116th)	DoD FY21 Letter
Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI)		✓			✓	
Sen. Michael F. Bennet (D-CO)	✓	✓				
Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	✓		✓	✓		✓
Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)	✓					
Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)		✓			✓	
Sen. Shelley Capito (R-WV)	✓			✓		
Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA)	✓	✓			✓	
Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)	✓		✓	✓		✓
Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)	✓			✓		
Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)	✓					

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Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)	✓			✓		
Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)		✓				
Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)		✓			✓	
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)		✓			✓	
Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-NH)	✓			✓		
Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI)	✓			✓		
Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)	✓			✓		
Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)			✓			
Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA)				✓		
Sen. Angus King (I-ME)	✓	✓		✓		
Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)		✓				
Sen. Cynthia M. Lummis (R-WY)	✓					
Sen. Edward Markey (D-MA)			✓			
Sen. Roger W. Marshall (R-KS)	✓		✓			
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	✓			✓		
Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS)	✓			✓		
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)	✓			✓		
Sen. Jon Ossoff (D-GA)		✓				
Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)		✓				
Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI)	✓					
Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC)	✓					
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sen. Krysten Sinema (D-AZ)	✓			✓		
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)	✓	✓				
Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	✓	✓	✓			✓
Sen. Jon Tester (D-MT)	✓	✓				

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Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)	✓			✓		
Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	✓		✓			
Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA)		✓				
Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)	✓					
Sen. Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)	✓	✓				

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Rep. Peter Aguilar (D-CA-31)		✓			✓		
Rep. Rick Allen (R-GA-12)		✓			✓		
Rep. Collin Allred (D-TX-32)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Mark Amodei (R-NV-2)		✓			✓		
Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA-4)	✓	✓	✓				
Rep. Cynthia Axne (D-IA-3)			✓				
Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE-2)		✓	✓			✓	
Rep. Nanette Barragán (D-CA-44)				✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH-3)					✓	✓	
Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-7)		✓			✓		
Rep. Donald Beyer (D-VA-8)	✓						
Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-GA-2)	✓			✓		✓	
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR-3)						✓	
Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE-AL)		✓			✓		
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1)		✓					
Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (D-GA-7)		✓					
Rep. Brendan F. Boyle (D-PA-2)					✓		
Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX-8)		✓					

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Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26)	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN-8)		✓					
Rep. Ted Budd (R-NC-13)					✓		
Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX-26)	✓	✓					
Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL-17)	✓						
Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1)			✓			✓	
Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA-29)		✓	✓				
Rep. Ed Case (D-HI-1)		✓			✓	✓	
Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20)		✓					
Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL-14)			✓				
Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH-1)					✓		
Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY-AL)		✓					
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1)	✓		✓				
Rep. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY-9)					✓		
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (D-MO-5)	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN-9)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-4)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. James Comer (R-KY-1)					✓		✓
Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA-11)	✓			✓			✓
Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT-2)					✓		
Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN-2)			✓				
Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO-6)		✓			✓		
Rep. John R. Curtis (R-UT-3)			✓				
Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS-3)		✓			✓		
Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL-7)				✓			✓
Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13)	✓	✓		✓			
Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA-4)			✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR-4)	✓			✓	✓		✓

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Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO-1)		✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Antonio Delgado (D-NY-19)					✓		
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11)			✓			✓	
Rep. Theodore Deutch (D-FL-22)			✓			✓	
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25)	✓						
Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI-12)						✓	
Rep. Michael Doyle (D-PA-18)	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Neal Dunn (R-FL-2)		✓			✓		
Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18)	✓	✓		✓			✓
Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA-3)					✓		
Rep. Drew Ferguson (R-GA-3)						✓	
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7)		✓			✓		
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE-1)		✓					
Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL-21)		✓					
Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ-7)	✓				✓		
Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA-3)					✓		
Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-OH-7)					✓		
Rep. Jared F. Golden (D-ME-2)						✓	
Rep. Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH-16)		✓			✓		
Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX-15)					✓		
Rep. Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR-1)					✓		
Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ-4)					✓		
Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-5)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6)	✓	✓		✓			
Rep. Al Green (D-TX-9)					✓		
Rep. Mark Green (R-TN-7)		✓			✓		

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Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3)		✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Glenn Grothman (R-WI-6)		✓			✓		
Rep. Michael Guest (R-MS-3)		✓			✓		
Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA-10)			✓		✓		
Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-1)					✓		
Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL-20)	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-WA-3)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Jody Hice (R-GA-10)					✓		
Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY-26)			✓			✓	
Rep. J. French Hill (R-AR-2)		✓					
Rep. James Himes (D-CT-4)					✓	✓	
Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-6)		✓			✓		
Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX-13)		✓					
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX-18)							✓
Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD-AL)		✓					
Rep. Hank Johnson, Jr. (D-GA-4)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. David Joyce (R-OH-14)	✓				✓		
Rep. John Joyce (R-PA-13)		✓			✓		
Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24)		✓			✓		
Rep. William Keating (D-MA-9)	✓				✓		✓
Rep. Fred Keller (R-PA-12)		✓					
Rep. Trent Kelly (R-MS-1)		✓					
Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA-16)	✓		✓	✓			
Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL-2)					✓		
Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6)	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Andy Kim (D-NJ-3)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI-3)			✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL-16)		✓			✓		

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Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-2)					✓		
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-8)		✓			✓	✓	
Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2)	✓	✓			✓	✓	
Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL-18)					✓		
Rep. Conor Lamb (D-PA-17)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI-2)	✓						
Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-2)			✓			✓	
Rep. John Larson (D-CT-1)					✓		
Rep. Robert Latta (R-OH-5)					✓		
Rep. Al Lawson (D-FL-5)		✓			✓		
Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13)			✓			✓	
Rep. Andy Levin (D-MA-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA-49)			✓			✓	
Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA-33)		✓			✓		
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-19)	✓				✓		✓
Rep. Billy Long (R-MO-7)			✓		✓		
Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA-11)	✓			✓			
Rep. Alan S. Lowenthal (D-CA-47)					✓		
Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA-8)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC-1)		✓					
Rep. Tom Malinowski (D-NJ-7)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY-18)	✓				✓		
Rep. Kathy E. Manning (D-NC-6)		✓					
Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-6)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN-4)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA-4)		✓					
Rep. James McGovern (D-MA-2)	✓	✓	✓		✓		

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Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10)					✓		
Rep. David McKinley (R-WV-1)		✓			✓		
Rep. McNerney (D-CA-9)							✓
Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY-6)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-2)		✓					
Rep. John R. Moolenaar (R-MI-4)						✓	
Rep. Blake D. Moore (R-UT-1)			✓				
Rep. Gwen Moore (D-WI-4)		✓	✓			✓	
Rep. Joseph D. Morelle (D-NY-25)		✓					
Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-6)					✓		
Rep. Markwayne Mullin (R-OK-2)			✓				
Rep. Gregory Murphy (R-NC-3)		✓			✓		
Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-7)					✓		
Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY-10)					✓		
Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-32)		✓				✓	
Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-2)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC-AL)	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN-5)			✓			✓	
Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT-4)			✓				
Rep. Steven Palazzo (R-MS-4)		✓			✓		
Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH-1)		✓			✓		
Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ-10)	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Rep. Greg Pence (R-IN-6)		✓					
Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-7)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Scott H. Peters (D-CA-52)		✓					
Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN-3)						✓	
Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Mark Pocan (D-WI-2)	✓	✓			✓	✓	

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Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA-45)		✓					
Rep. Bill Posey (R-FL-8)	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA-7)			✓			✓	
Rep. David Price (D-NC-4)	✓	✓			✓		
Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD-8)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4)					✓		
Rep. Deborah K. Ross (D-NC-2)		✓	✓				
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-40)	✓		✓			✓	
Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA-36)		✓					
Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2)	✓				✓		
Rep. Bobby Rush (D-IL-1)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-4)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH-13)	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27)		✓					
Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA-5)		✓			✓		
Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL-9)	✓						
Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28)	✓				✓		
Rep. Kim Schrier (D-WA-8)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Austin Scott (R-GA-8)					✓		
Rep. David Scott (D-GA-13)					✓		
Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL-7)			✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA-30)					✓		
Rep. Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ-11)					✓		
Rep. Mike Simpson (R-ID-2)						✓	
Rep. Albio Sires (D-NJ-8)					✓		
Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA-9)	✓						
Rep. Christopher Smith (R-NJ-4)			✓				
Rep. Lloyd Smucker (R-PA-11)	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓

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Rep. Darren Soto (D-FL-9)		✓			✓	✓	
Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D-VA-7)		✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14)	✓						
Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-9)					✓		
Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY-21)					✓		
Rep. Gregory Steube (R-FL-17)		✓			✓		
Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI-11)	✓	✓			✓		
Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT-2)			✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH-15)					✓		
Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10)		✓					
Rep. Thomas R. Suozzi (D-NY-3)		✓				✓	
Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA-15)		✓					
Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA-41)					✓		
Rep. Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2)						✓	✓
Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-PA-15)		✓			✓		
Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5)	✓						
Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV-1)	✓						
Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-13)						✓	
Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Rep. David Trone (D-MD-6)		✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH-10)		✓			✓		
Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14)			✓			✓	
Rep. Jefferson Van Drew (D-NJ-2)					✓		
Rep. Filemon Vela (D-TX-34)			✓				
Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY-7)					✓		
Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO-2)					✓		
Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN-2)		✓					
Rep. Michael Waltz (R-FL-6)					✓		

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Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-23)	✓						
Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12)					✓		
Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT-AL)			✓			✓	
Rep. Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-2)		✓			✓		
Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA-10)			✓				
Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA-7)	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA-5)			✓				
Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC-2)	✓			✓			
Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA-1)					✓		
Rep. Steve Womack (R-AR-3)		✓			✓		
Rep. John Yarmuth (D-KY-3)		✓	✓		✓		
Rep. Don Young (D-AK-AL)		✓			✓		
Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY-1)					✓		