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# Advancing Brain Injury Policy: The View from Washington and **(BONUS!)** Maine

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Defining Moments in Brain Injury  
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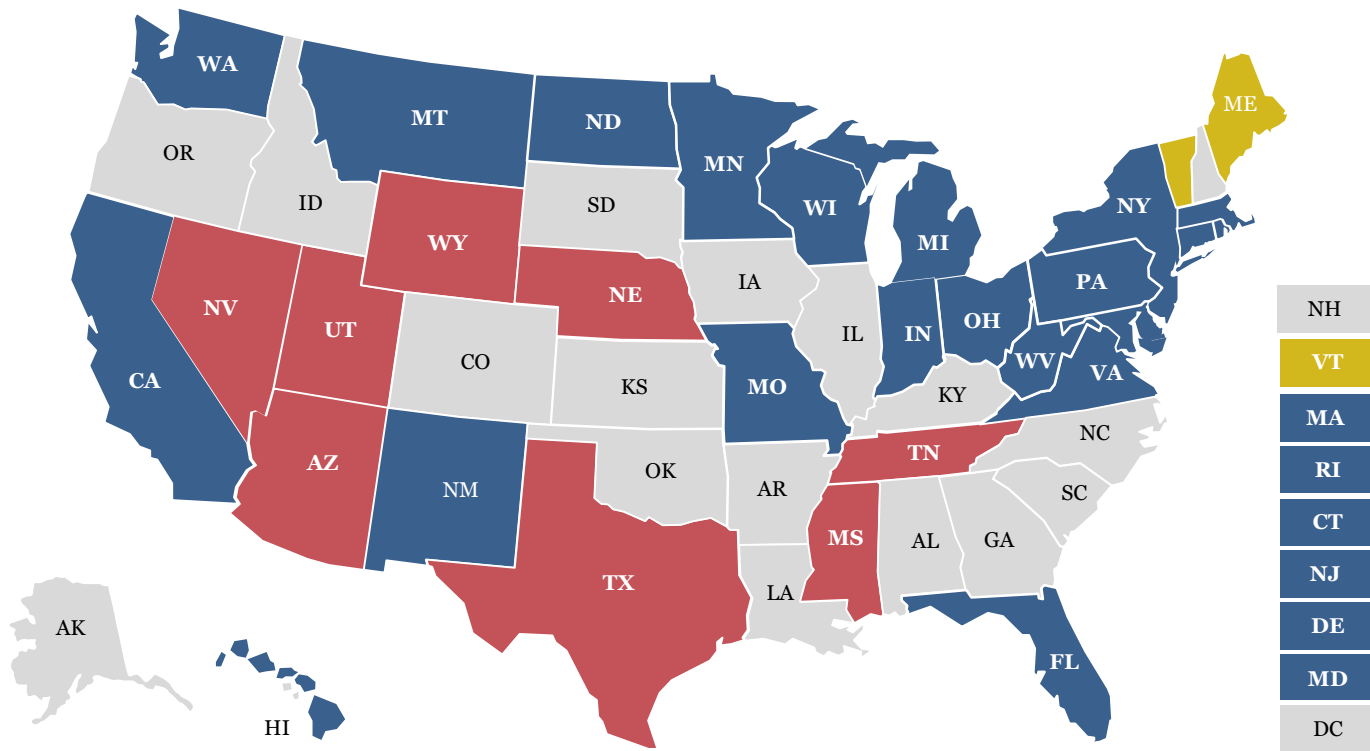


# Agenda

- Federal Elections & Impact on Brain Injury
  - BIAA's Federal Policy Priorities
  - Tools You Can Use
  - Current Issues
  - State Policy Priorities (Guest Speaker)
  - Questions
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# Senate Elections – Big Picture

■ Republican held seat   ■ Democrat held seat   ■ Independent held seat

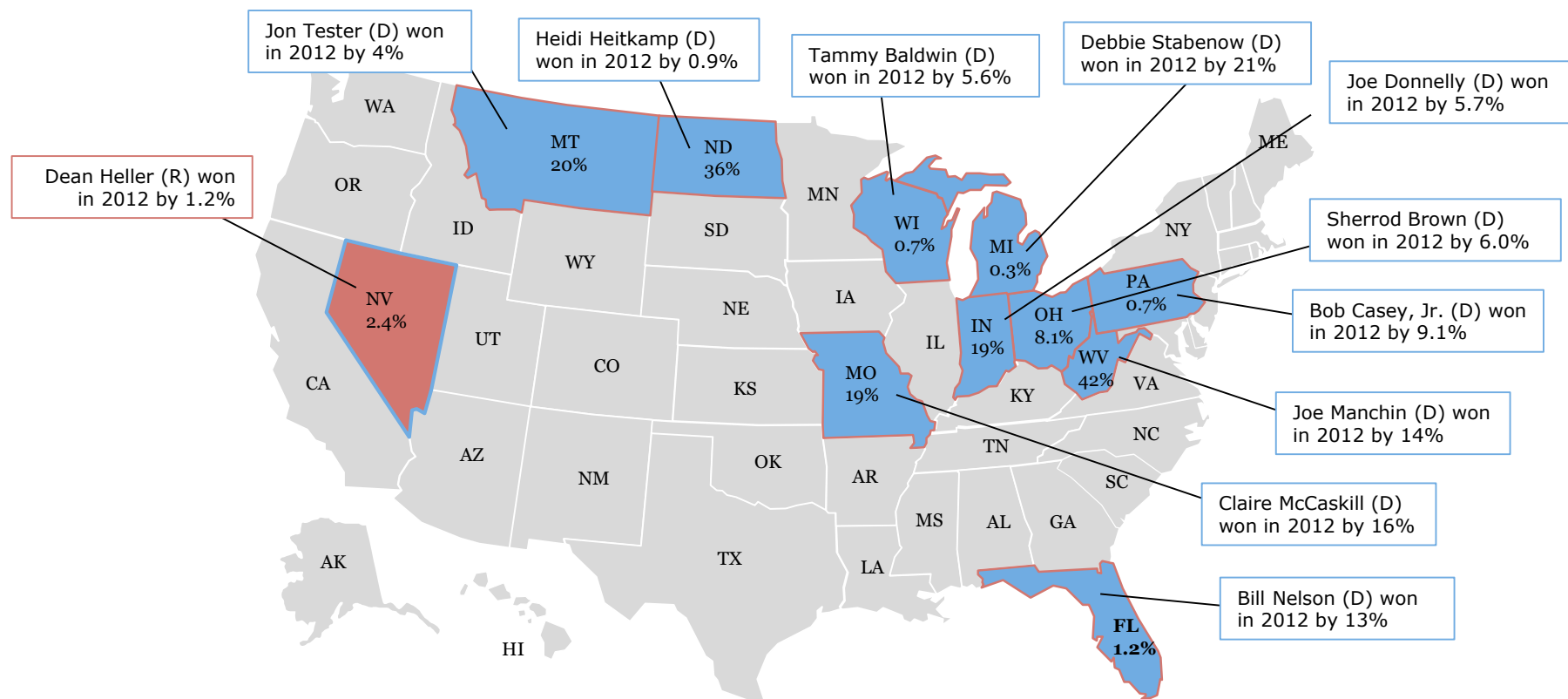


# Trump Country Races

## Senators up for re-election in states won by the opposing party's 2016 presidential candidate

PERCENTS INSIDE THE STATE REPRESENT BY HOW MUCH THE OTHER PARTY'S PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE WON IN 2016

  Clinton victory  
   Trump victory  
   Democratic senator up for re-election  
   Republican senator up for re-election



# House Republicans are Vulnerable

## COMPETITIVE 2018 HOUSE RACES

■ Democrat held seats ■ Republican held seats \*Incumbent not seeking re-election

### Likely Democrat

AZ-9 Sinema\*  
CA-7 Bera  
CT-5 Esty\*  
FL-7 Murphy  
MN-7 Peterson  
NH-2 Kuster  
NJ-5 Gottheimer  
NV-4 Kihuen\*  
PA-8 Cartwright  
WI-3 Kind  
FL-27 Ros-Lehtinen\*  
PA-5 Meehan\*  
PA-6 Costello\*

### Lean Democrat

AZ-1 O'Halleran  
NH-1 Shea-Porter\*  
NV-3 Rosen\*  
AZ-2 McSally\*  
CA-49 Issa\*  
NJ-2 LoBiondo\*  
NJ-11 Frelinghuysen\*  
PA-7 Dent\*  
PA-17 Rothfus/Lamb  
VA-10 Comstock

### Toss Up

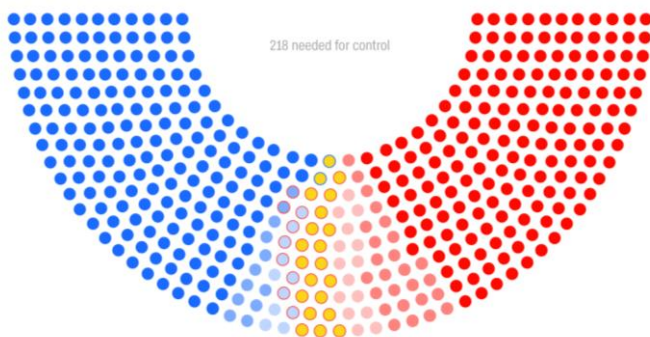
MN-1 Walz\*  
MN-8 Nolan\*  
CA-10 Denham  
CA-25 Knight  
CA-39 Royce\*  
CA-48 Rohrabacher  
CO-6 Coffman  
FL-26 Curbelo  
IA-1 Blum  
IA-3 Young  
IL-6 Roskam  
IL-12 Bost  
KY-6 Barr  
ME-2 Poliquin  
MI-8 Bishop  
MI-11 Trott\*  
MN-2 Lewis  
MN-3 Paulsen  
NJ-7 Lance  
NY-19 Faso  
NY-22 Tenney  
OH-12 VACANT (Tiberi)  
PA-1 Fitzpatrick  
TX-7 Culberson  
VA-7 Brat  
WA-8 Reichert\*

### Lean Republican

AR-2 Hill  
CA-45 Walters  
FL-15 Ross\*  
FL-16 Buchanan  
FL-18 Mast  
GA-6 Handel  
IL-13 Davis  
IL-14 Hultgren  
KS-2 Jenkins\*  
KS-3 Yoder  
MT-AL Gianforte  
NC-9 Pittenger  
NC-13 Budd  
NE-2 Bacon  
NJ-3 MacArthur  
NM-2 Pearce\*  
NY-11 Donovan  
OH-1 Chabot  
OH-12 VACANT  
PA-16 Kelly  
TX-23 Hurd  
TX-32 Sessions  
UT-4 Love  
VA-2 Taylor  
VA-5 Garrett  
WA-5 McMorris Rodgers  
WI-1 Ryan\*  
WV-3 Jenkins\*

### Likely Republican

PA-14 OPEN (Lamb)  
AZ-6 Schweikert  
CA-4 McClintock  
CA-21 Valadao  
CA-50 Hunter  
GA-7 Woodall  
IN-2 Walorski  
MI-1 Bergman  
MI-6 Upton  
MI-7 Walberg  
MO-2 Wagner  
NC-2 Holding  
NC-8 Hudson  
NY-1 Zeldin  
NY-24 Katko  
OH-10 Turner  
OH-14 Joyce  
OH-15 Stivers  
PA-10 Perry  
SC-1 Sanford  
SC-5 Norman  
TX-21 Smith\*  
WA-3 Beutler  
WI-6 Grothman  
WI-7 Duffy



# Anti-Trump Sentiment





# Year of the Woman



# Kitchen Table Issues





# Kavanaugh Backlash



# Democratic Majority Agenda

## Accountability

- Trump tax returns
- **Graft among Administration officials**



## Health and Welfare

- **Push for “Medicare for All”**
- **Defend and expand Affordable Care Act**
- **Restore welfare programs**



## Education

- Invest in early education and affordable child care
- Increase maximum Pell Grant
- Decrease study loan interest rates
- **Fund initiatives that increase access for traditionally underrepresented**



## Immigration

- Protect DACA recipients and allow a path to citizenship



## Energy and Environment

- Restore environmental protections
- Protect public lands and disallow the killing of animals on wildlife refuges
- Repeal tax breaks to multi-national oil companies
- Resume Obama-era pledge to cut carbon pollution by 30% by 2030



## Voting Rights

- **Revise, renew and strengthen the Voting Rights Act**
- Restore full protections for voters in states with history of discrimination
- **Expand access to the ballot box**
- Support efforts to reverse gerrymandering



# **BIAA Policy Priorities for 2018**

- Increase Access to Care (ACA & Opioids)
  - Fund TBI Act Programs
  - Bolster Research
  - Keep Individuals with Brain Injury Financially Solvent and Caregivers Strong
  - Improve Awareness and Understanding of Brain Injury
  - Grow the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force
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### Public Awareness

- The Latest News
- Media Relations
- Brain Injury Awareness
- THE Challenge! Magazine
- Events



### Public Policy

- Current Priorities
- Federal Issues
- Coalitions & Links



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WEBINAR

OCT 23 2018

Understanding Concussions in Children

Juliet Haarbauer-Krupa, Ph.D., and Kristy Arbogast, Ph.D., will discuss a collaborative study between the Centers for Disease Control and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

WEBINAR

NOV 8

Managing Stress as a TBI Caregiver: A Mindful Approach

## Public Policy

The Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is the voice of brain injury on Capitol Hill. We tirelessly advocate for greater access to care for civilian and military populations, expanded brain injury research, adequate resources for state programs and increased congressional awareness of brain injury issues, among other priorities.



Public Policy

Refine

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Policy by Type

Current Policy Priorities

Policy by Category

- ☐ Brain Injury
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Family Support
- ☐ Finances
- ☐ Health Care Reform
- ☐ Medicare
- ☐ Medicaid
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Social Security
- ☐ Technology

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FEBRUARY 2018  
**Keep Individuals Financially Solvent**  
BIAA calls on lawmakers to make social and community...

CATEGORIES

Brain Injury, Family Support, Finances



FEBRUARY 2018

**Fully Fund TBI Programs by Coordinating Federal Resources**



FEBRUARY 2018

**Improve Awareness & Understanding of Brain Injury**



FEBRUARY 2018

**Increase Access to Care**

BIAA urges lawmakers to preserve patient-centered access to rehabilitation.

CATEGORIES

Health Care Reform, Medicare, Medicaid



FEBRUARY 2018

**Expand the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force**



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# Awareness Day – March 20, 2019



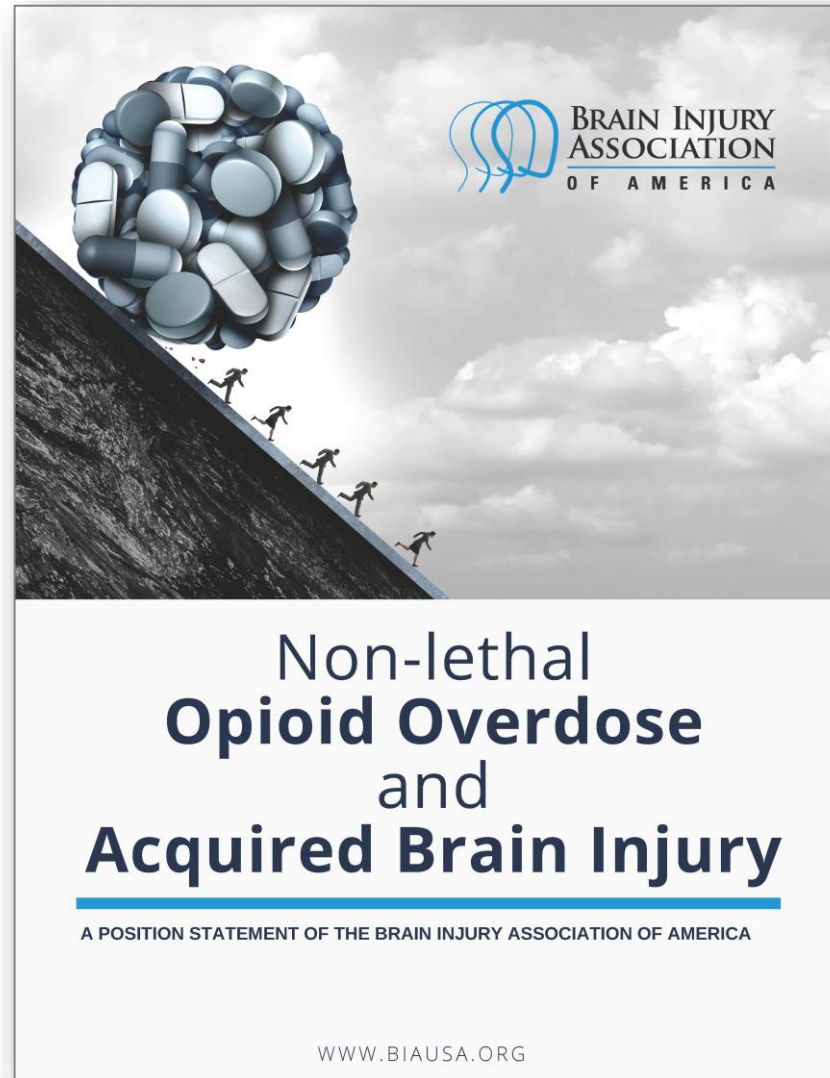
# 2019 Appropriations

- H.R. 6157 - “Minibus” appropriations package for Defense and Labor-HHS plus Continuing Resolution until December 7
    - Agriculture
    - Commerce & Justice
    - Energy & Water
    - Financial Services
    - Homeland Security
    - Interior & Environment
    - Legislative Branch
    - Military Construction
    - State & Foreign Operations
    - Transportation and Housing & Urban Development
  - TBI Act Programs Level Funded
  - \$2 billion increase for NIH research
  - \$6.6 billion for Opioids
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# **SUPPORT For Patients and Communities Act (H.R. 6)**

**Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act**

- 10 State Demonstration Projects
  - State Response Grants
  - Expanded Tele-health under Medicaid
  - Addiction Treatment in Rural Health Clinics
  - Regional Centers for Excellence for SUD Education
  - Recovery Centers
  - Program to Support Coordinate and Continuum of Care for OD Patients
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# Affordable Care Act

October 2017 – Discontinued insurer reimbursements of waived premiums/deductibles

November 2017 – Reduced health insurance exchange operating hours

December 2017 – Enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

January 2018 – “Able-bodied” Medicaid work requirements; other rules waived (premiums, time-limited benefits, drug testing)

June 2018 – Association Health Plans rule

July 2018 – Discontinued “risk adjustment” payments to insurers

August 2018 – Short-term limited-duration health insurance rule

September 2019 – Cut \$26 million from Navigator Program, helping individuals buy health insurance

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# TBI Act Reauthorization

- Reps. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-N.J.) & Tom Rooney (R-Fla.)
  - Traumatic Brain Injury Reauthorization Act of 2018 (H.R. 6615)
  - Only federal legislation addressing civilian TBI
  - Re-authorizes TBI Act of 1996:
    - ACL to conduct State Partnership Program
    - ACL to conduct Protection & Advocacy TBI Program
    - CDC to conduct surveillance and education
    - NIH to conduct research
  - Sens. Orin Hatch (R-Utah) & Bob Casey (D-Pa.) to introduce in Senate in mid-late October
  - Hatch legacy
  - Maine does not currently have a SPP grant
  - Co-sponsors needed 202-224-3121 or visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)
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# Achieving A Better Life Experience (ABLE) Age Adjustment Act

- ABLE Age Adjustment Act S. 817 and H.R. 1874
  - Expands eligibility to age 46 for individuals with disabilities to open tax-advantaged ABLE
  - Maine allows ABLE accounts
    - \$15,000 per year
    - \$400,000 maximum
  - Co-sponsors needed 202-224-3121 or visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.Collins.senate.gov](http://www.Collins.senate.gov) or [www.King.senate.gov](http://www.King.senate.gov)
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# Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act (H.R. 302/S. 808)

H.R. 302/S. 808 Signed into law October 5, 2018

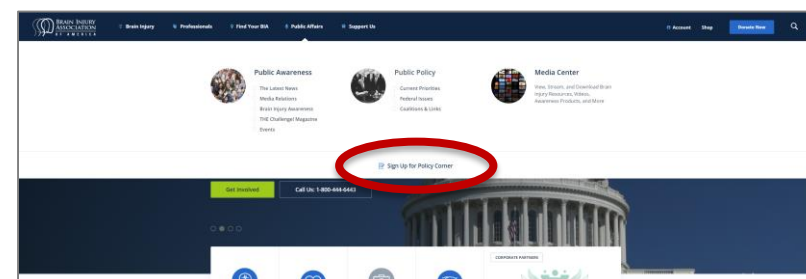
“Health care services provided by a covered sports medicine professional outside of his or her home state would be deemed to have occurred in the professional’s primary state of licensure if the secondary state’s requirements are substantially similar to the primary state.”

***Translation:*** Athletic trainers can travel with their teams, treat athletes, and remain covered by liability insurance.

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## Congress Sends Appropriations Bill to President

This week, the House of Representatives passed the Conference Report for fiscal year 2019 appropriations for the Departments of Defense, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, including a Continuing Resolution (CR), which has been sent to the president for his signature.

**KEEP READING**

## This Week in Brief

Congress passes Conference Report, Senate and House reach consensus on opioid legislation, and House considers permanent tax cuts. [Click here to read the full issue.](#)

## Senate and House Reach Consensus on Opioid Legislation

The Senate and House leadership reached consensus Wednesday on a package of 70 bills that had passed both bodies separately. The House and the Senate will need to pass this consensus legislation before it can be sent to the President for his signature. [Learn more.](#)

## House Considers Permanent Tax Cut Legislation

The House Committee on Ways and Means passed a bill referred to as "Tax Reform 2.0" this week to make a permanent extension of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's individual provisions that are scheduled to expire after 2025. [Keep reading.](#)

BIAA gratefully acknowledges the [Centre for Neuro Skills](#) and [Avanir](#) for their support for legislative action.

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# Maine Policy Priorities

Steve Wade, Consulting Executive Director

- Maine is “ground zero” for the opioid overdose crisis
  - Educational services for students with brain injury
  - Access to Neuro-Resource Facilitation/Neuro-Navigation
  - Sustainable funding for the Voice of Brain Injury in Maine – BIAA-ME
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# Questions?

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