

## PARKINSON'S AWARENESS... Did you know?

- Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing brain disorder in the world (per the World Health Organization)
- Currently in the United States there are:
  - nearly **1 million** people who have been diagnosed with the disease (many others remain undiagnosed)
  - 60,000** new cases diagnosed each year
- The total annual cost to the US economy is **\$52 billion**, with **\$25.4 billion** attributable to direct medical costs (hospitalizations and medication) and **\$26.5 billion** in non-medical costs (missed work, lost wages, early forced retirement and family caregiver time)
- From 2022 to 2023, Congressional estimates of NIH spending (from the Congressional Record, committee hearings on the NIH's 2023 budget) show:
  - an expected **increase** in overall spending of **7.5 %**, from **\$41.7 billion** to **\$45 billion**, **BUT**
  - a **decrease** in spending for Parkinson's of **2.3%**, from **\$263 million** to **\$257 million**

\*All information provided by the Michael J. Fox Foundation (except as noted)

Currently, there is a House Bill (**H.R.8585**) and a companion Senate bill (**S.4851**) both entitled "**National Plan to End Parkinson's Act**". According to the description, this bipartisan legislation will, for the first time, unite the federal government in a mission to prevent and cure Parkinson's, alleviate financial and health burdens on American families, and reduce government spending over time.

**We at Mission PD believe it is critical for this legislation to become law!**

## PARKINSON'S AWARENESS... We Need Your Help!

**PLEASE ACT NOW AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!**

**Urge your Senators and Representative to support this bipartisan legislation and join as a co-sponsor of the bill today!**

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