

Rep. Smith's Autism CARES Act of 2024 (HR 7213): What Advocacy Groups Are Saying

Autism Science Foundation

"All of us at the Autism Science Foundation want to express our thanks to the full membership and staff of the House Energy and Commerce Committee...as well as the work of the original sponsor of the Autism CARES Act of 2024, Congressman Chris Smith. The deliberative and iterative process they employed has led to passage of bill that is much improved from the Autism CARES Act of 2019."

Autism Speaks

"This not only marks a milestone toward the bill being voted on by the entire U.S. House of Representatives, but also, marks a critical step toward a proactive research plan from the federal government to meet the needs of people with autism. The Autism CARES Act is the single most important driver of autism research, training and data collection programs at the National Institute of Health (NIH), Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)."

Autism Society of America

"HR 7213 introduces critical improvements including heightened focus on those individuals with complex medical and behavioral support needs and their assistance to communicate through the addition of an Autism Intervention Research Network for Communication Needs (AIR-C). The Autism CARES Act is a pivotal law for individuals with Autism and their families to live fully."

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

"The Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) fully supports HR 7213 as amended. This piece of legislation is crucial to maintaining and improving the monitoring, training and research programs through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for individuals with autism, and other neurological disabilities and their families."