# Cosponsor the Medical Research for Our Troops Act (H.R. 3906)

## Background

The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP), administered by the Department of Defense (DoD), play a vital role in advancing groundbreaking, peer-reviewed medical research that addresses critical gaps in our understanding and treatment of diseases like pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, ALS, multiple sclerosis, hereditary ataxia, and more. These programs are often the only source of federal funding for innovative, high-risk, high-reward research, particularly for conditions that disproportionately affect our veterans, service members, and underrepresented communities.

Despite its importance, CDMRP funding was cut by 57% in the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, presenting a huge loss to patients and researchers across the country.

**CDMRP was cut by $859M in FY25**

**-or-**

**57% of FY24 levels**

## CDMRP & Hereditary Ataxia

CDMRP has **doubled the research funding available to researchers studying hereditary ataxia,** and it has funded researchers across the U.S. This funding is critical because not only can it fund important research for patients with hereditary ataxia, but findings from this research may also translate to other conditions like ALS, Huntington's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, and Fragile X as well.

## The Medical Research for Our Troops Act (H.R. 3906)

Introduced on June 11, 2025 by Representatives André Carson and Mike Levin, the Medical Research for Our Troops Act would restore funding for CDMRP to FY24 levels and ensure that DoD obligates funds accordingly. This fix is urgently needed to prevent disruption in vital research.

## Our Asks:

- **Cosponsor the Medical Research for Our Troops Act (H.R. 3906);**
- **Ensure that CDMRP funding is restored in FY26.**

**Endorsed by 68 patient organizations!**

## About Us:

The Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) is a national, public, 501(c)(3), non-profit organization dedicated to the pursuit of scientific research leading to treatments and a cure for Friedreich's ataxia. Friedreich's Ataxia (FA) is a rare genetic neuromuscular disorder and the most common form of hereditary ataxia.

The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that aims to accelerate the development of treatments and a cure while working to improve the lives of those living with Ataxia. The ataxias are a group of rare, progressive neurological diseases affecting a person's ability to walk, talk, and use fine motor skills.

## Cosponsor H.R. 3906!

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