2019 Federal Advocacy Priorities

We Need Your Help!

The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is dedicated to curing spinal cord injury by funding innovative research, and improving the quality of life for people living with paralysis through grants, information and advocacy.

We believe that legislative, regulatory, and scientific advancements must be complemented by sound public policy and advocacy. Through government investments and action, systemic change can be made in the mobility impaired community.

By educating lawmakers about the impact of paralysis and the promise of our work, we ensure disability rights remain a priority. Our programs are designed to not only help individuals advocate for themselves, but also to advance important issues for the greater community of individuals with paralysis.

From the frontlines, we are able to influence and advance policies that result in tangible improvements and real change for individuals living with paralysis and their families.

The Reeve Foundation intends to advocate for paralysis research and access to care, rehabilitation and quality treatment for all. The Reeve Foundation is also committed to ensuring the protection of laws and policies, which protect civil rights. These are our 2019 federal advocacy priorities:

- Support expanded federal funding for all biomedical research, especially paralysis research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Defense (DOD);
- Support federal funding for the Administration for Community Living’s National Paralysis Resource Center (PRC) at no less than $8.7 million dollars for FY 2020;
- Advocate for policies to improve insurance coverage of treatments, devices, and rehabilitation for those impacted by paralysis or mobility impairments; and
- Advocate for the preservation, protection and improvement of accessibility policies and statutes and of civil rights for those impacted by paralysis or mobility impairments and their family caregivers.

Visit act.reeve.org if you are interested in becoming an online advocate. To learn more about additional advocacy opportunities, through our Regional Champions program, please contact Brittany Branard, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at bbranard@christopherreeve.org.