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ANCOR Latest News: Senate Republicans Leave HCBS Funding Out of HEALS Act, Their Counter-Proposal to House-Passed HEROES Act

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#ForgottenFaces Campaign Update: July 30, 2020

*Acknowledging those we've lost;
working to ensure further lives are spared*

Senate Republicans released their draft legislation — the HEALS Act — as a counter-proposal to the HEROES Act, which passed the Democratic-controlled House along party margins in mid-May. While the Senate proposal contained some good provisions for disability supports — see the [PDF linked here](#) for a list of them — these provisions cannot be substitutes for increased funding that would go directly to Medicaid HCBS programs, as detailed in the HEROES Act.

We are very disappointed to see legislation that, again, fails to include increased funding for Medicaid HCBS programs. Such funding is necessary for I/DD support agencies ability to purchase personal protective equipment, cover staff overtime and hazard pay and maintain afloat supports such as day and employment services that temporarily closed to maintain social distancing.

Now is the time to loudly and clearly demand Congress cease overlooking these essential supports. We must [speak up](#) about the absence of direct increases to Medicaid HCBS programs in the HEALS Act, and let Congress know that they must not again neglect the **#ForgottenFaces** of the COVID-19 pandemic.

What We're Reading: #ForgottenFaces in the News

['I feel left behind.' How People With Disabilities Are Coping With the Pandemic](#)

April Rubin | Miami Herald, July 26, 2020

[How A Law to Protect Disabled Americans Became Imitated Around the World](#)

Joseph Shapiro | NPR, July 24, 2020

[The A.D.A. at 30: Beyond the Law's Promise](#)

Hayley Wall | The New York Times, July 24, 2020

TAKE ACTION: Speak Up Today to Let Senate Know That the HEALS Act is Incomplete Without HCBS Funding

Use [our email and call tool](#) to ask your members of Congress to pressure their leadership to include increased funding for Medicaid HCBS programs in the final COVID-19 package as negotiations continue. Please take a minute today to ask Congress to include increased HCBS funding in addition to the provisions in the HEALS Act as it negotiates as final COVID-19 package.

