



UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF BRAIN DISEASE®

**Harmonizing Environmental Analyses and Launching Therapeutic Hubs to Yield Bolstered Research And Innovation in Neurological Science (HEALTHY BRAINS) Act (H.R. 9233)**

will, for the first time, accelerate coordination and funding for research on environmental risk factors and the development of neurodegenerative diseases.

If passed, the HEALTHY BRAINS Act would create a Centers of Excellence grant program within the National Institute of Health to investigate exposure to chemicals and toxins and risk of developing neurodegenerative diseases, including Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis, progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), corticobasal degeneration (CBD) and multiple system atrophy (MSA). This is critical for understanding relationships between the diseases and for leading to their prevention, treatment and cure.

Research indicates that a combination of factors including lifestyle, genetics and environment play a role in the development of certain brain diseases, such as Parkinson's and ALS. However, little is known about such correlations with PSP, CBD and MSA, which are rare and quickly progressive. Time is of the essence to accelerate research in this space as people are often diagnosed in their 60s, 50s or younger, experience changes to walking, coordination, speech and swallowing, and have an average life expectancy of 8 years.

Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-VA), who was diagnosed with PSP, and Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) introduced the HEALTHY BRAINS Act on August 1, 2024. We need U.S. Representatives to support this bipartisan legislation by signing on as cosponsors.

**CurePSP is a member of the Unified Parkinson's Advocacy Council, in collaboration with the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. Together, and along with many other organizations, we endorse the HEALTHY BRAINS Act, but we need your help to prioritize it.**

To learn more about PSP, CBD and MSA and the HEALTHY BRAINS Act, visit [www.curepsp.org](http://www.curepsp.org)

