

Legislation Addressing Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Connection

Endorsements from the 119th Congress:

H.R. 1305 | Improving Measurements for Loneliness and Isolation Act

This bill was introduced in February 2025 by Rep. Mike Flood (R-NE) and Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA) and would:

- Establish a national working group to formulate recommendations for standardizing the measurements of loneliness and isolation in public and private research across healthcare fields, and
- Require collaboration and consultation among Federal departments and agencies to develop standardized definitions of loneliness, isolation, etc.

S. 473 | SENIOR Act

This bill was introduced in February 2025 by Sens. Rick Scot (R-FL) and Tina Smith (D-MN) and would:

- Support social engagement services for older adults,
- Expand and standardized screening for loneliness, and
- Require a report examining the relationship between the strength of multigenerational family units and loneliness in older adults.

H.R. 1812 | Care Across Generations Act

This bill was introduced in March 2025 by Reps. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA) and Bryan Steil (R-WI) and would:

- Establish a grant program for childcare and multigenerational activities in long-term care facilities, and
- Fund coordinated activities between childcare and long-term care facilities acts as a structural intervention against loneliness.

H.R. 4744/S. 2445 Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act

This bill was introduced in July 2025 by Reps. Paul Tonko (D-NY), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Don Bacon (R-NE) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) and would:

- Award grants to organize mental health and resilience coordinating network, perform assessments of need related to community wellness,
- Fund community programs that focus on engaging residents in building social connection across cultural, geographic and economic boundaries, and
- Define and promote screening and services addressing isolation and loneliness.

S. 414 | ADS for Mental Health Services Act

This bill was introduced in February 2025 by Sens. Dan Sullivan (R-AK) and Gary Peters (D-MI) and would:

- Encourage digital advertising platform to promote behavioral health resources that raise awareness of community events to address social isolation and loneliness, and
- Require platforms to report the public service ads they are running, which creates pressure for platforms to run PSAs related to isolation.

Endorsements from the 118th Congress:

The National Strategy for Social Connection Act

This bill was previously led by Sens. Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Tina Smith (D-MN) and Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA). It would:

- Establish an Office of Social Connection Policy within the Executive Office of the President to form an Advisory Council to convene stakeholders and work across federal departments and agencies.
- Require the Office to develop a government-wide strategy to integrate social connection policy across federal departments and agencies.
- Require an annual report to Congress that evaluates all federal efforts to improve social connection, recommendations for legislation changes needed, and an evaluation of the implementation of the national strategy.
- Authorize funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct research on loneliness and social connection.

SILO Act

This bill was previously led by Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA) and Sens. Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA). It would:

- Appropriate critical funding for the creation of grants to prevent and address social isolation or loneliness among older adults and individuals with disabilities for area agencies on aging and community-based organizations.
- Require a report to Congress every three years on the extent to which the programs established under this Act address such social isolation and loneliness.

Combating Loneliness Act (H.R. 10448)

Introduced by Reps. Becca Balint (D-VT) and Paul Tonko (D-NY) in December 2024; this bill would:

- Invest in physical infrastructure that creates social connection through playgrounds, community gardens, recreation centers, and bike lanes
- Bolster third-spaces such as libraries, recreation centers, veteran service organizations, and senior centers.
- Reauthorize the Certified Community Behavior health Clinics, funds mental health support groups, encourages peer mental health first aid training, creates new grants for mental health providers, and extends pandemic-era programs that prevent burnout of healthcare providers
- Increase funding to existing mental health programs in schools and increase access to school-based health services and after-school programs.

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The Action Network invites organizations to join us in the mission to end social isolation and loneliness.

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