

Advocacy Alert!

Please write to your representatives in Congress about the three bills below:

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1. The PROTECT Rare Act—short for *Providing Realistic Opportunity to Equal and Comparable Treatment for Rare Act*—is a bipartisan bill introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives as **H.R.6094** during the 118th Congress. Here's a breakdown of what it aims to do and why it's important:

- **Improve access to care for rare disease patients** (including CRPS/RSD) by ensuring insurance coverage for medically necessary treatments, even when those treatments are used off-label.
- **Address coverage gaps** in Medicare Part D, which currently prohibits coverage of off-label drug uses—even when they are evidence-based and recommended by physicians.
- **Support parity in treatment** so that rare disease patients are not disadvantaged compared to those with more common conditions.

2. H.R.1227 – Alternatives to PAIN Act (119th Congress)

- Introduced by Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA) in February 2025
- Aims to expand access to non-opioid treatments for chronic pain
- Focuses on improving insurance coverage and reimbursement for alternative therapies like nerve blocks, physical therapy, and acupuncture

3. H.R.7164 and S.B. 2922 Advancing Research for Chronic Pain Act

- Introduced by Reps. Yadira Caraveo (D-CO) and Zach Nunn (R-IA)
- Requires the CDC to collect and publish comprehensive data on chronic pain
- Seeks to close gaps in care and promote research into effective treatments