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# October 2023 Policy Forum

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## Organization Update

# 9th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Review, Respond and Relate  
Integrating Research, Policy and Practice  
Around the World

Coming to its new home in Seattle  
April 11-14, 2024



A project of The ALC FASD Changemakers and



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# FASD Respect Act 2.0

## Bill Contents

- Education, Awareness and Services across community agencies
- Building State and Tribal Systems
- Centers for Excellence

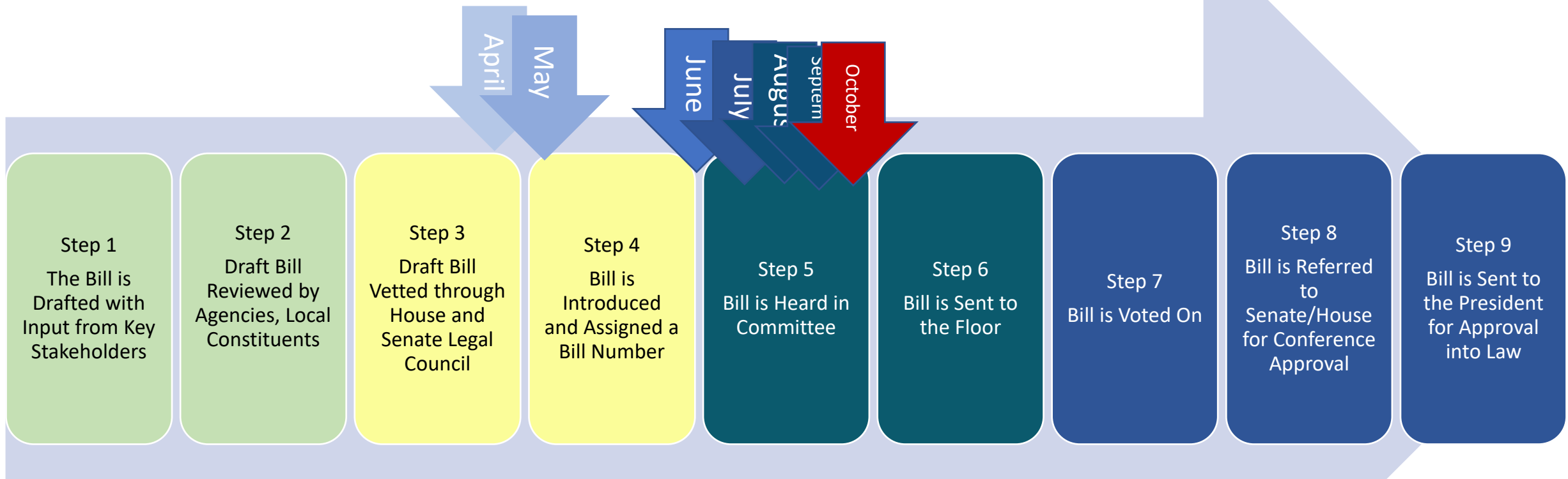


**The FASD Respect Act**

Building the Foundation for Change

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# Pathway to Law



The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress Lasts for 2 years.



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# What's Happened in October



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## New Co-Sponsors

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[Sen. Smith, Tina \[D-MN\]](#)

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[Rep. Caraveo, Yadira \[D-CO-8\]](#)

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[Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa \[D-NM-3\]](#)

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[Rep. Brownley, Julia \[D-CA-26\]](#)

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[Rep. Peltola, Mary Sattler \[D-AK-At Large\]](#)

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[Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch \[D-MD-2\]](#)

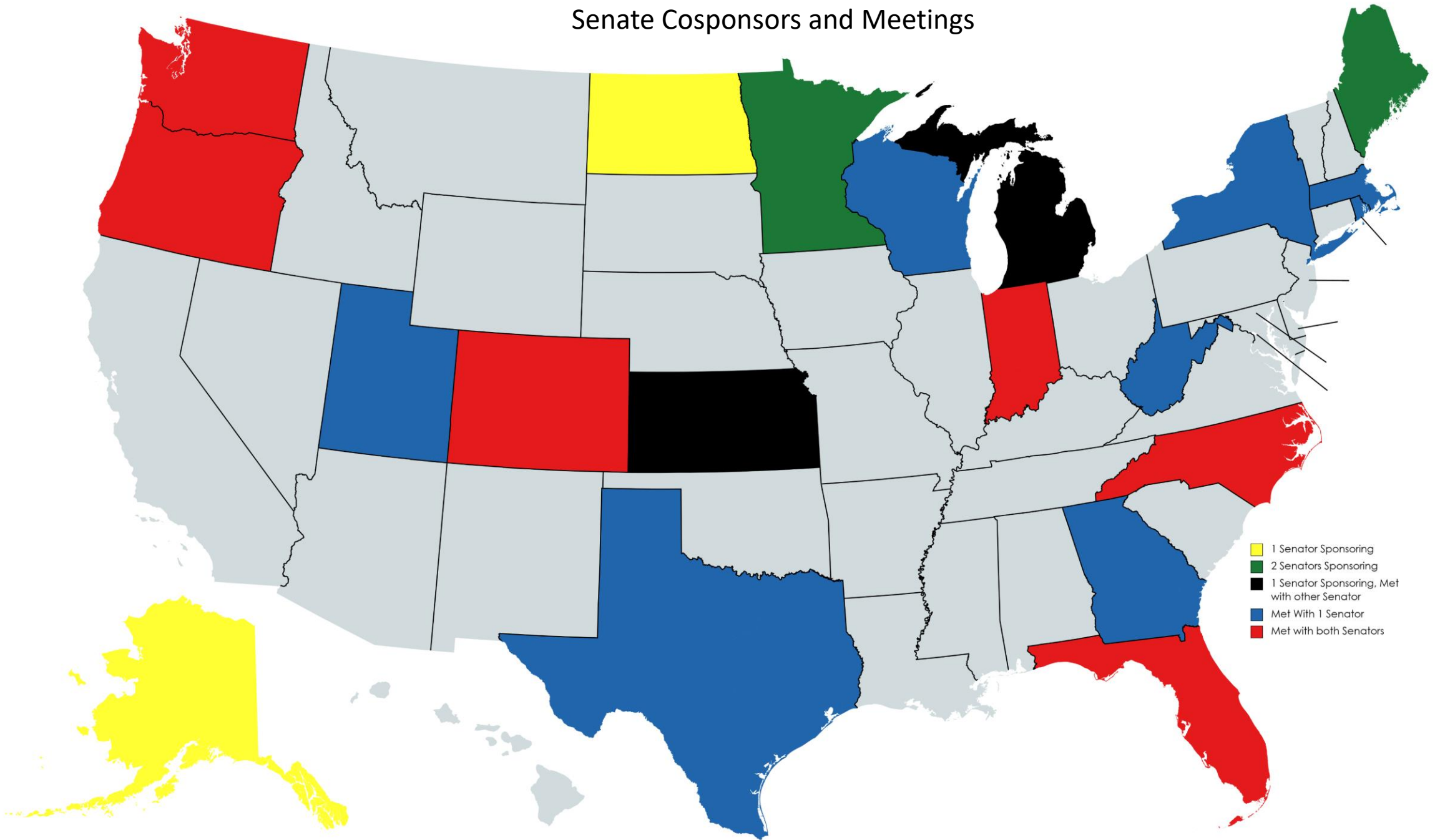
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[Rep. Sessions, Pete \[R-TX-17\]](#)

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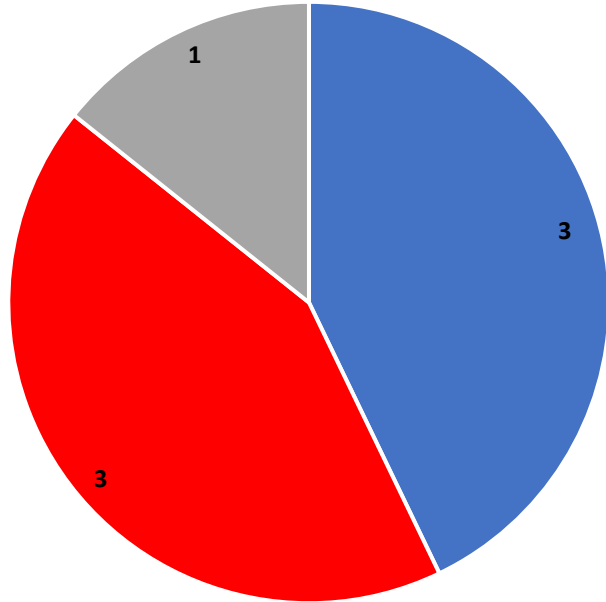
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# Support Breakdown

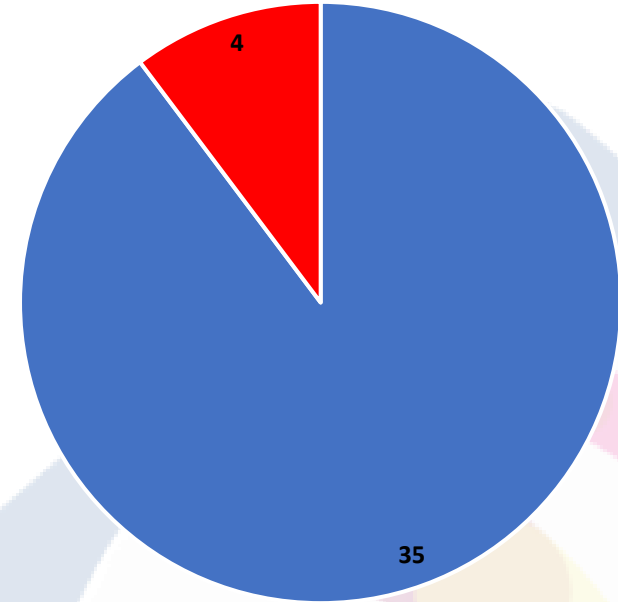
Senate Cosponsors



■ Democrats ■ Republicans ■ Independents

7 cosponsors

House Cosponsors

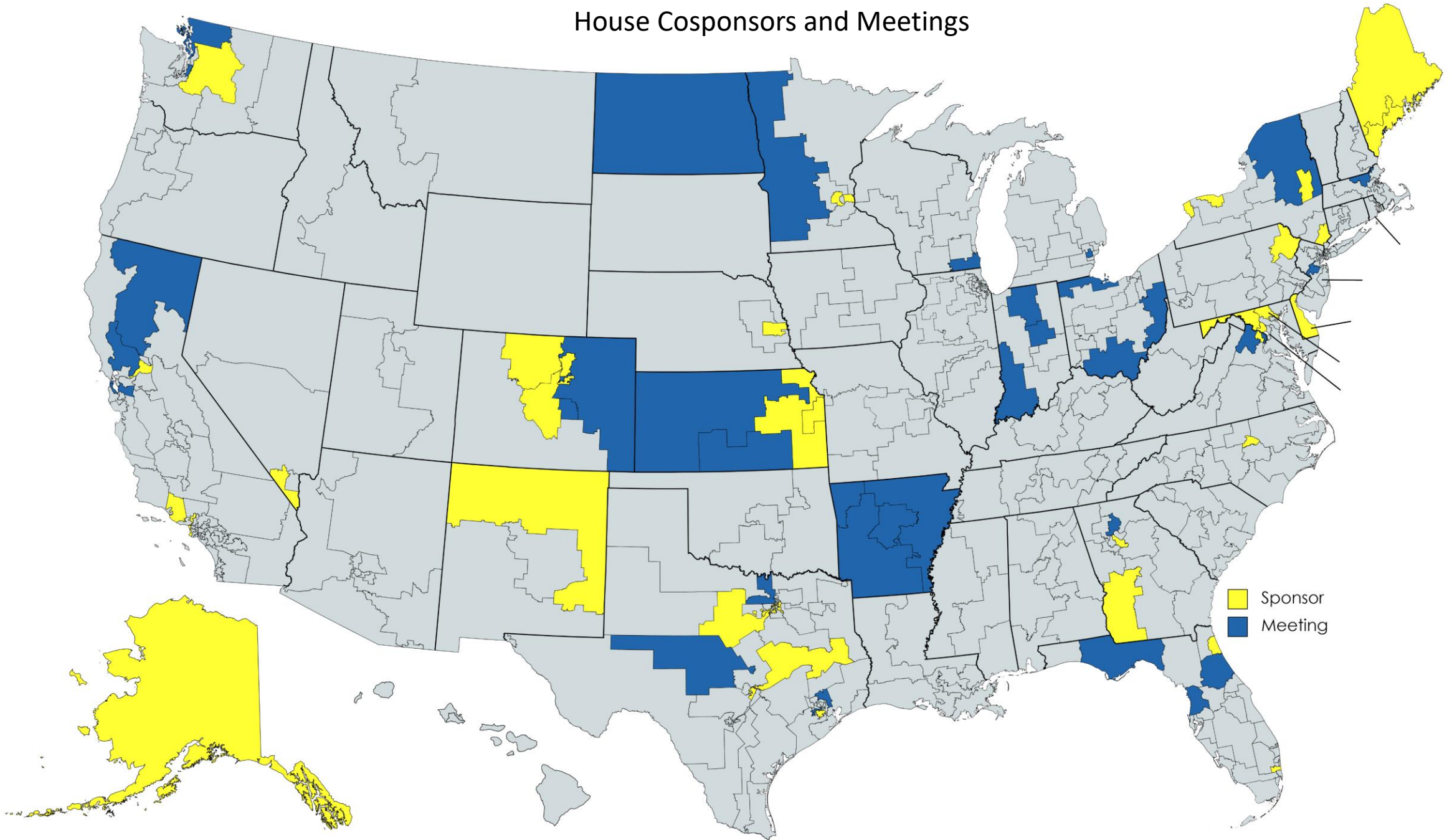


■ Democrats ■ Republicans

39 cosponsors

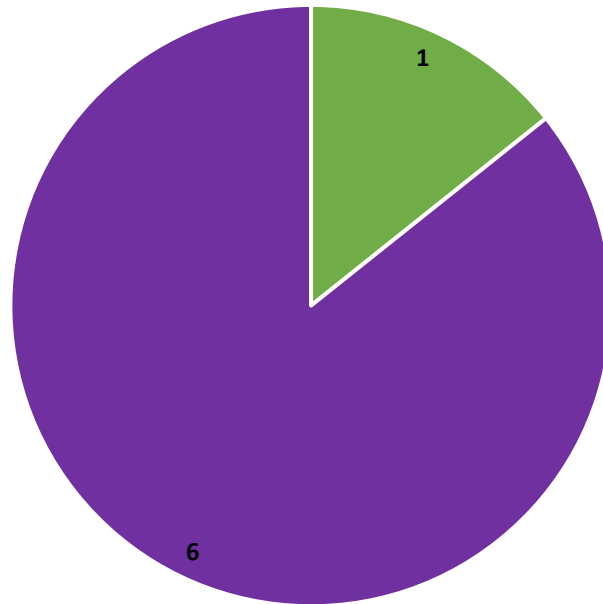
**Five months after the FASD Respect Act was introduced in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress it had 6 cosponsors in the Senate and 19 cosponsors in the house**

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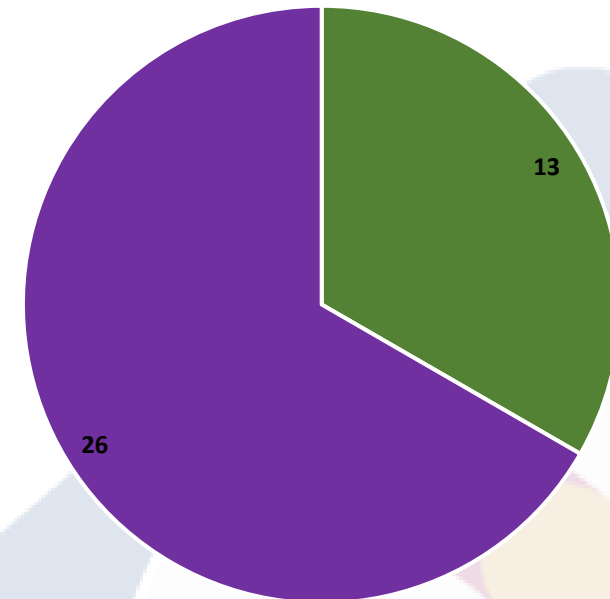
New vs Returning Senate Cosponsors



■ New Cosponsors ■ Returning Cosponsors

- 10 total cosponsors in 117<sup>th</sup>
- 6 have returned in 118<sup>th</sup>

New vs. Returning House Cosponsors



■ New Cosponsors ■ Returning Cosponsors

- 74 total cosponsors in 117<sup>th</sup>
- 26 have returned in 118<sup>th</sup>

# What is up DC?

- No Speaker = No House
- Israel and Gaza, Ukraine, Border, Fentanyl...
- Looming shutdown....Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
- CR until Christmas or Year Long CR?





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Call To Action



# CBO and Such Sums As May Be Necessary

## Objection

weeks ago. As for the cosponsoring of H.R. 3946, there are some concerns that my boss and Energy and Commerce staff have with the authorization. While we support the FASD Center of Excellence being extended, the line in “Sec.399J. Authorization of Appropriations – There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part **such sums as may be necessary** for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028” gives my boss some concern because there is no clear cost to the program. Given his position on decreasing federal spending, he does not feel comfortable cosponsoring at this time until there is a CBO score on the cost of the program over four years or unless the bill is amended to give a specific number. We will continue to monitor the status of the legislation and would be happy to support if that part gets cleared up.

## Response

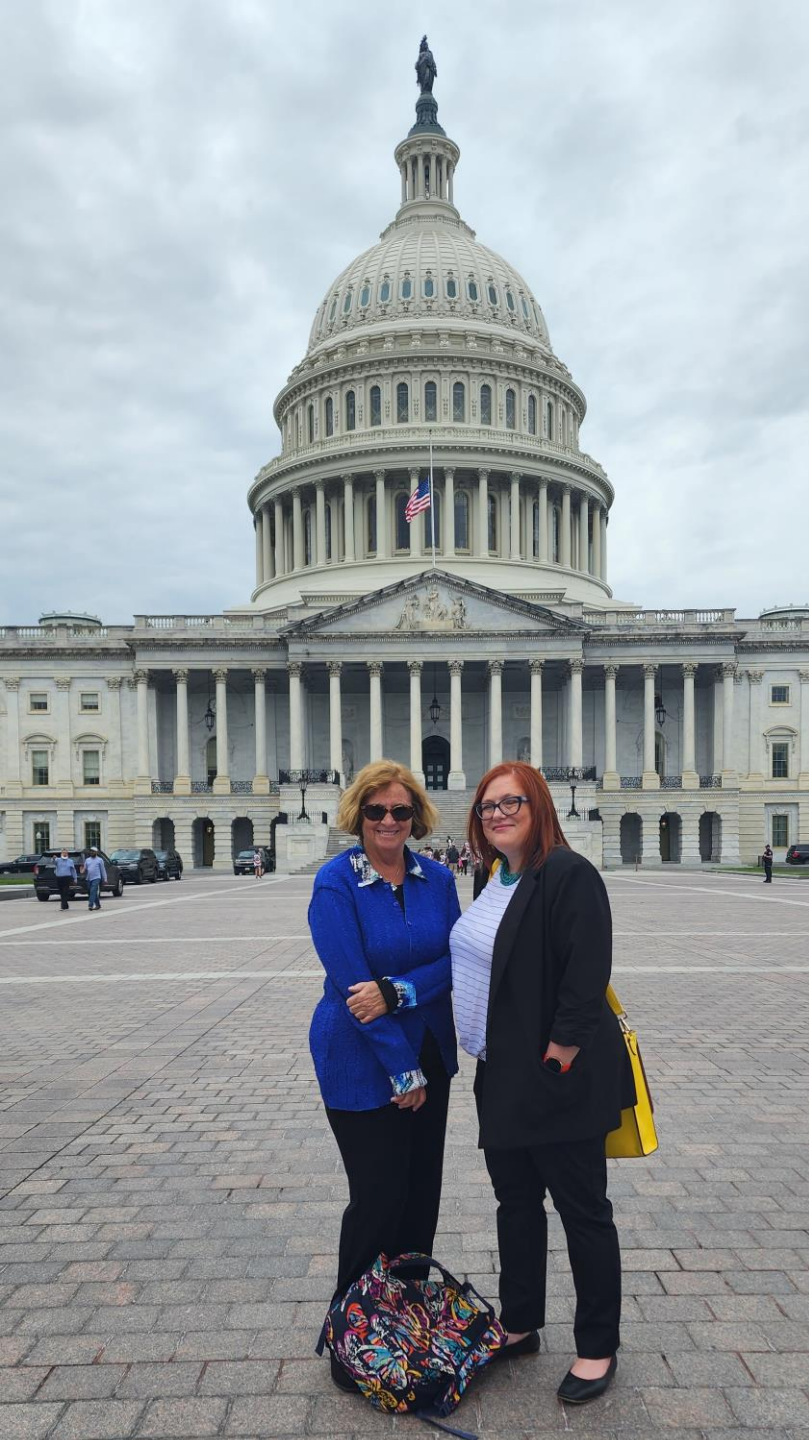
CBO was requested last session through Senator Murkowski’s office on the language, which became HR3946/S1800.

CBO sent in response that the language in Senate HELP in the 117<sup>th</sup>, which became HR3946/S1800 “would not affect direct spending or revenues. Any spending would be subject to future appropriations.”

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We're Headed Back  
November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>



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