



## WOW: MY IMPACT STATEMENT

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### Examples:

- “The NIH has provided the basic science research that has led to every MS treatment that is available today.”
- “My disease modifying therapy is helping to manage my MS, but the disease is still progressing. We must increase research funding to help scientists find a cure.”
- “I served in the military and not long after was diagnosed with MS.”



## HOW: IMPACT ON THE MS COMMUNITY AND CONGRESS' ROLE IN THE SOLUTION

*(You do not have to use every point below, just pick what best supports your impact statement.)*

- Nearly one million Americans live with MS and need solutions and a cure.
- The Society's prevalence data estimates nearly 70,000 U.S. veterans live with MS. Over 2,600 American active-duty service members or members of the Reserve/National Guard have received an MS diagnosis in the last decade.
- We owe it to armed service members and veterans whose MS is connected to their military service to expedite solutions and find a cure.
- While progress has been made, people with MS need innovative solutions to improve treatments and target a cure, and these solutions can only come through research.



## NOW: THE ASK FOR CONGRESS

- Please support the following funding levels in FY 2021:**
  - \$20 million funding level for the MS Research Program,
  - \$44.7 billion for the NIH, a \$3 billion increase over FY20,
  - \$5 million for the National Neurological Conditions Surveillance System.

Additional notes:

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