

# The Kay Hagan Tick Reauthorization Act (S.2398)

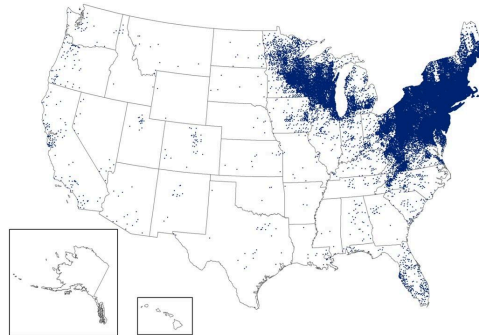
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Tick-borne diseases such as Lyme, once considered a local or regional problem, have become an alarming national threat. The number of Americans with tick-borne diseases has been rising at a staggering rate over the past fifteen years. In 2003, Lyme disease infected around 30,000 Americans. The CDC estimates 476,000 new cases of Lyme each year, an astonishing 1,487 percent increase.

***Reported cases of Lyme disease are on the rise across the nation.  
Implementation of the National Strategy is needed now to end this growing crisis.***



CDC, 2003



CDC, 2023

## **TICK Act Summary:**

- **Require HHS to Implement the National Strategy to Prevent and Control Vector-Borne Diseases in People** to expand research, improve testing, and coordinate common efforts across the government. The strategy should also be updated as appropriate.
- **Reauthorize Funding for the Regional Centers of Excellence in Vector Borne Disease** for each of FY2026 - FY2030. These Centers collaborate with academia and public health agencies for surveillance, prevention, outbreak response.
- **Reauthorize Grants** to state health departments for five years to bolster their public health infrastructure for Lyme and other tick and vector borne diseases, and expand initiatives through public-private partnerships.

**Cosponsors:** Senators Gillibrand (D-NY), Klobuchar (D-MN), Hawley (R-MO), Schumer (D-NY), Shaheen (D-NH), Marshall (R-KS), Hassan (D-NH), McCormick (R-PA), Capito (R-WV), Banks (R-IN), Welch (D-VT), Blumenthal (D-CT), Hickenlooper (D-CO), Fetterman (D-PA), Boozman (R-AR), Merkley (D-OR), Scott (R-FL).

**Endorsements:** Center for Lyme Action, Entomological Society of America, Bay Area Lyme Foundation, Project Lyme, Lymedisease.org, Lyme & Tick-borne Disease Research Center at Columbia University, LymeTV, Tick JEDI Coalition, Focus on Lyme, Lyme Action Network, ILADS, PA Lyme Resource Network, Louisiana One Health in Action, Colorado Tickborne Disease Awareness Association, LivLyme Foundation, The Quiet Epidemic, TiCK MiTT, Generation Lyme, Texas Lyme Alliance, Patient Centered Care Advocacy Group, Insect Shield, Alpha-gal Alliance Action Fund, Tick-Borne Conditions United, San Diego Lyme Alliance, Illinois Lyme Association

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