

# Disability Policy in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress

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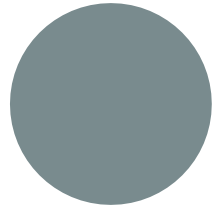
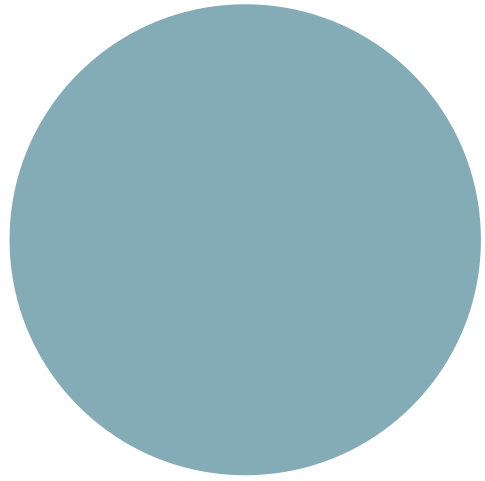
# By the end of today

- Who's Who in Congress & the Disability Policy Agenda
- Authorizing vs. Appropriating
- Appropriations Update
- Authorizing Update
  - Education
  - Employment
- How to Take Action
- Your Questions





What is my big question about federal policy?



# **The Federal Budget and Appropriations 101**



## **Pop Quiz:**

In which fiscal year is the federal government currently operating?



A. 2019



B. 2020



C. I HAVE NO IDEA



# Authorization vs. Appropriation

"authorizes"

legal power

Federal departments,  
agencies, and programs

funding levels

sets funds

discretionary  
spending

actual funds

expired laws

# Authorizing versus Appropriating

- In principle, **Authorizing Committees** have jurisdiction to **make policy decisions**, while the **Appropriations Committees decide on funding levels**.
- In practice, the separation between policy making and funding are not perfect. Authorizations for many programs have long lapsed, yet still receive annual appropriations. Other programs that are authorized receive no funds at all.

**Authorizers make laws and appropriators fund them.**

## Pop Quiz:

Does Congress have to follow the President's budget?



A. Yes.

B. No.

C. I don't know, tell me more.



# FY 2020: Department of Education Budget

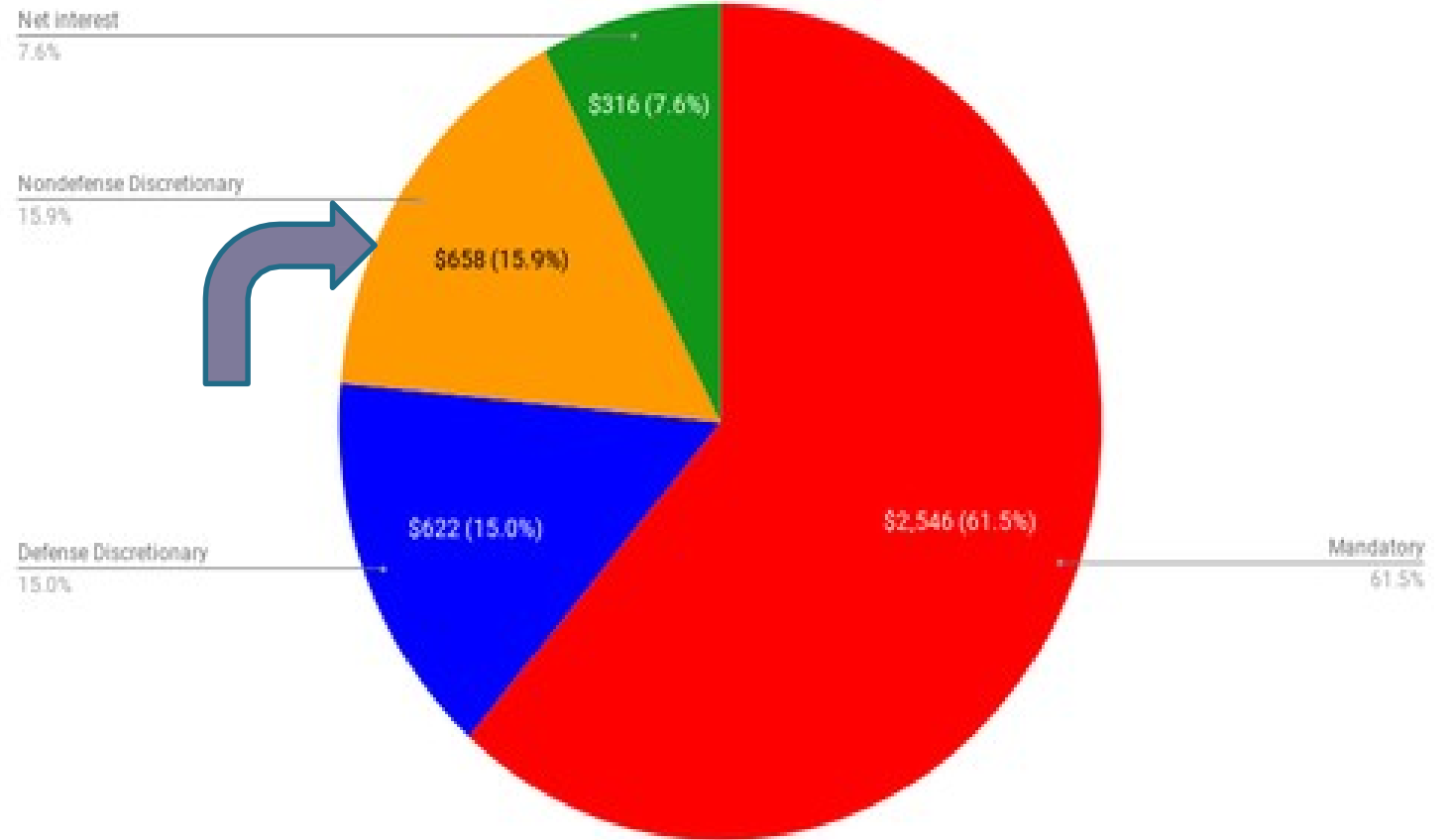
ED proposed to **eliminate or level fund**. Congress has not agreed:

- ESSA: Title II-Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (eliminate)
- IDEA: Part B (very small increases)
- HEA: Title II: Teacher Education Recruitment, Training (eliminate)

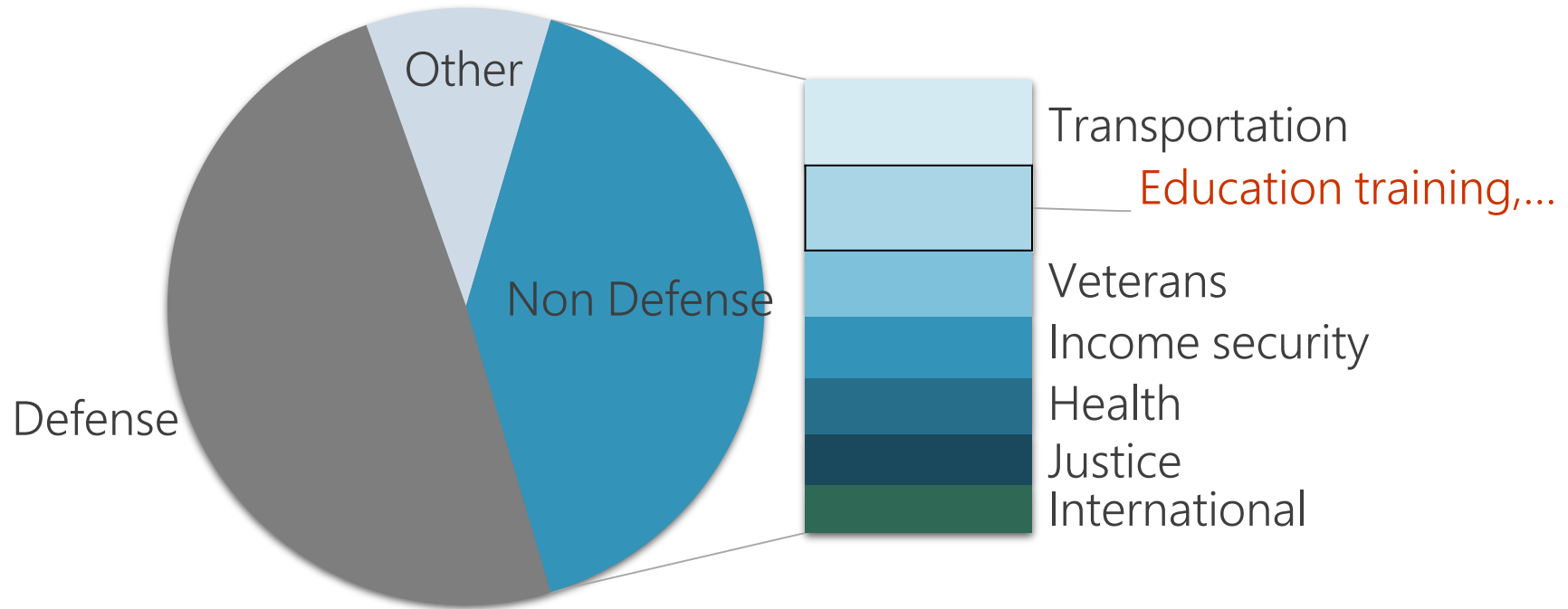


# Total Federal Spending

Federal Spending in FY 2018 (Dollars in Billions)



# Total Federal Spending 2017



# Pop Quiz:

Who is the Chair of the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee?



A. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

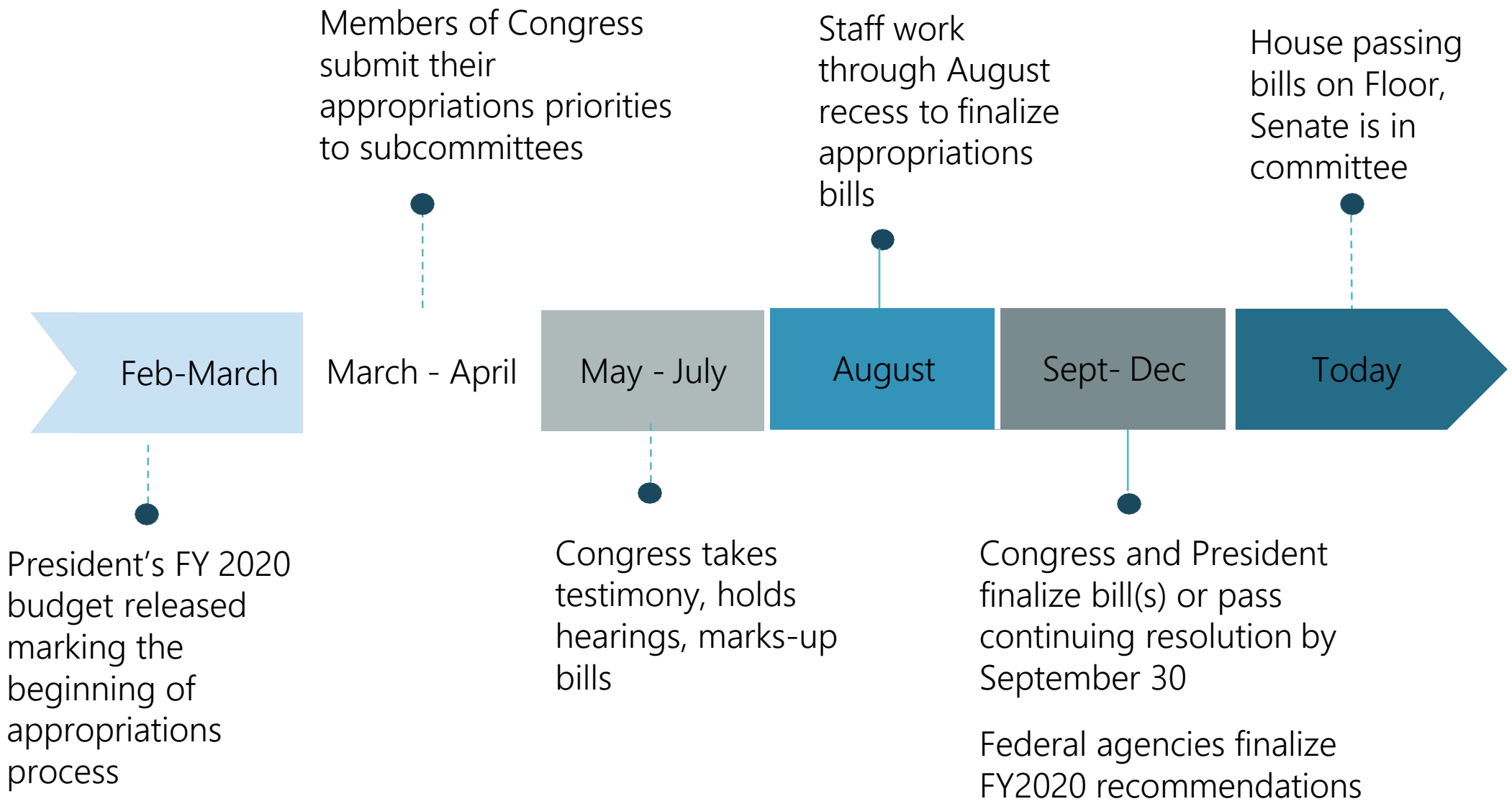


B. Tom Cole (R-OK)



C. Rosa Delauro (D-CT)

# The Appropriations Process



# Appropriations Now

