

Improve the Lives of Asthma and Allergy Sufferers in Your District:
Join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus

Dear Colleague:

We write to formally invite you to join us as members of the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus for the 113th Congress. Co-chaired by Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY), and Congressman Gregg Harper (R-MS), this bipartisan group consists of members dedicated to increasing public awareness and advancing research for those living with asthma and severe allergies.

Currently, over 25 million Americans suffer from asthma and 50 million suffer from all types of allergies. Asthma is the most common chronic condition among children, affecting 1 in every 10 children, and approximately 2.2 million school-aged children have food allergies. Each year, the costs of asthma total \$20 billion and the costs of allergies approach \$7 billion. Every day in the United States, 40,000 people miss school or work, 30,000 people have an attack, 5,000 people visit the emergency room, and 1,000 people are admitted to the hospital because of asthma. In addition, 4,000 people die each year from asthma-related causes, and asthma is a contributing factor in another 7,000 deaths every year.

With these facts in mind, **we ask you to join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus** and help your thousands of constituents who suffer from these diseases. For more information or to join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus, **please contact Catherine Barnao in Representative Eliot Engel's office (Catherine.barnao@mail.house.gov) or Jordan See in Representative Gregg Harper's office (jordan.see@mail.house.gov).**

Sincerely,

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