



Join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus

Nearly 25 million Americans suffer from asthma, and more than 50 million suffer from allergies.

Despite dramatic advances in diagnosis, treatments and overall management of asthma and allergies, the incidence of these conditions has increased significantly over the years and vast numbers of asthma patients – including a disproportionate number of children – do not receive adequate care to control their disease.

The bipartisan Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus is dedicated to increasing awareness of the health and economic concerns associated with asthma and severe allergies, as well as advancing research to improve the lives of adults and children living with these conditions.

We ask you to join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus in order to help the millions of Americans living with these diseases.

Severe allergies and asthma pose the greatest threat to your most vulnerable constituents: elderly people, underserved populations, and children. One in every 10 American children suffers from asthma, making it one of the most common chronic conditions among children. In addition, roughly 3.0 million school-aged children have food allergies.

Through your membership in the Congressional Allergy Caucus, you can help educate your colleagues and your constituents on the best ways to diagnose, treat and manage these chronic conditions. I'm sure you will agree that this is critically important as we seek to lower the overall cost of healthcare and improve health outcomes.

For more information or to join the Congressional Asthma and Allergy Caucus, contact the offices of the Caucus co-chairs: Congressman Eliot L. Engel or Congressman Gregg Harper.

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The Advocacy Council of the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology looks forward to working with you to improve the diagnosis and management of asthma and allergies.