

HIV/AIDS Advocates: Has YOUR House Member joined the new Caucus?

Join the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus

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AIDS remains one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our time. An estimated 33.4 million people live with HIV/AIDS and more than 25 million people have died since 1981. Worldwide, an estimated 2.6 million people became newly infected with HIV in 2009, and in the United States, someone is newly infected with HIV every 9.5 minutes.

Despite the severity of the challenge, the unprecedented global response to AIDS has passed important milestones, dramatically expanding access to prevention, care, and treatment. Thanks to bipartisan efforts in Congress, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) have reduced the burden of HIV and AIDS in numerous countries and have put us on track to eliminating pediatric AIDS. Within the United States, through initiatives like the Ryan White CARE Act and the development of a National HIV/AIDS Strategy, we are poised to put HIV and AIDS on the long term road to elimination.

The Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus (formerly the Congressional Task Force on International HIV/AIDS) was created to examine methods by which the United States can maintain global leadership in the response to the epidemic.

In the 112th Congress, the Congressional HIV/AIDS Caucus will explore five thematic areas:

- Implementation of the US National HIV/AIDS Strategy
- Financing for Bilateral and Multilateral HIV/AIDS programs
- The state of HIV/AIDS research
- The role of Faith-Based Organizations
- The 2012 International AIDS Conference to be held in Washington, D.C.

Members of the Caucus will receive advance notification of HIV/AIDS related activities and developments, including Member roundtables, staff roundtables, briefings and events.

To join the Caucus or for more information please contact Jirair Ratevosian (Lee) 202-225-2661, Andrew Adair (McDermott) 202-225-3106 or Stephanie Hammond (Franks) 202-225-4576.

The Following Members of Congress have already joined the Caucus:

Current Caucus members as of 9/9/11 (53): Lee; McDermott; Franks; Bordallo; Brady ®; Baldwin; Capuano; Christensen; Cohen; Conyers; Engel; Hinchey; Nadler; Payne; Quigley; Olver; Rangel; Towns; Butterfield; Cummings; Sires; Pascrell; Schakowsky; Waters; Rush; Hastings; Grijalva; Norton; Scott; Bass; Gutierrez; Cicilline; Lewis; Johnson; Waxman; Clarke; Chu; Watt; Honda; Pelosi; Braley; Wasserman Schultz; Brown; Maloney; Ros-Lehtinen; Himes; Berman; Roybal-Allard; Deutch; Castor; Jackson, Jr.; Carter; McKinley



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