

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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**Join the Congressional Pediatric and Adult  
Hydrocephalus Caucus**

Dear Colleague:

As you may know, hydrocephalus is a life-threatening neurological condition, characterized by the abnormal buildup of cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) in the ventricles of the brain. This condition can occur at any age and affects an estimated one million Americans.

In fact, one out of every 500 babies in the United States is born with hydrocephalus, making the condition the leading cause of brain surgery in children. Additionally, an increasing number of our veterans are developing post-traumatic hydrocephalus as a result of brain injuries suffered on the battlefield, and the condition in our senior citizens is often misdiagnosed because its symptoms in that population are often mistaken for Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

Currently, there is no single known cause of hydrocephalus or ways to prevent or cure the condition. For too long, little attention has been paid to hydrocephalus.

**That is why we have founded the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus.**

This caucus will focus on increasing awareness and education of hydrocephalus and issues relating to the disease. We believe bringing much-needed attention to hydrocephalus will encourage more research into its diagnosis and treatment.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Congressional Pediatric and Adult Hydrocephalus Caucus, please contact Molly McDonnell at [molly.mcdonnell@mail.house.gov](mailto:molly.mcdonnell@mail.house.gov) in Congressman Lance's office or Erica Powell at [Erica.powell@mail.house.gov](mailto:Erica.powell@mail.house.gov) in Congressman Carson's office.

Sincerely,



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