National Multiple Sclerosis Society

# Please Join the Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus

### What is multiple sclerosis (MS)?

- MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system.
- MS interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body.
- Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis.
- The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in treatment and medical research are moving us toward a world free of MS.

### Issues That Impact People with MS

Members of the Caucus can help people living with MS by engaging in discussions about issues such as:

- MS research at the National Institutes of Health and Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs;
- Access to quality health care in Medicare, Medicaid and the private insurance market;
- Access to health care in rural and underserved areas of our country;
- Long-term care and supports, including caregiving programs;
- Employment issues and Social Security Disability Insurance; and
- Disability rights.

## Request

You can help address the challenges of each person whose life is affected by MS by joining the **Congressional MS Caucus**.

To join please contact the offices of the MS Caucus co-chairs Representatives **Michael Burgess, M.D.** (TX-26) and **Chris Van Hollen** (MD-8) and Senator **Robert Casey** (PA).

### Members of the Congressional MS Caucus will . . .

- Seek creative solutions to the challenges facing people with MS;
- Raise awareness and promote education about MS in our efforts to move closer to a world free of this disease;
- Network with others who would like to move closer to a world free of MS;
- Speak at or attend an informative briefing on MS.

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