

ADDICTION 101

An Introduction to Addiction Treatment and Substance Abuse Policy Issues

Dear Colleague:

As co-chairs of the bipartisan *Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus* we would like to invite you to join us on **Thursday, June 13, from 9:30-10:30 AM in Rayburn 2212** for an important discussion on raising awareness of substance abuse and the devastating impact it has on American society.

The numbers are staggering when it comes to addiction and substance abuse. Approximately 4% of the U.S. adult population or about 8 million people are addicted to alcohol, making alcohol dependence one of the most prevalent chronic health conditions and the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States. In the past year, roughly 1 in 9 youth abused prescription drugs. Substance abuse costs our nation more than \$600 billion per year through lost earnings, health care expenditures, and costs associated with crime and accidents. Preventing the further spread of this epidemic is essential to our nation's complete recovery.

This briefing aims to stop these devastating trends by bringing awareness to this cause and introducing the many ways people around the country are trying to reduce the spread of alcohol and drug dependency.

The *Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus* will be joined by the following invited guests:

Marcia Lee Taylor, Senior Vice President, Director of Government Affairs,

Partnership at Drugfree.org

George Knoerlein, Phoenix House Director of Clinical Operations in the Mid-Atlantic

Robert Morrison, Executive Director, National Association of State Alcohol/Drug

Abuse Directors (NASADAD)

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Sincerely,

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