

Congress of the United States

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Help Save Lives!

Join the Allergy & Asthma Caucus Today

Dear Colleague:

One out of every five Americans has some sort of allergy, including an estimated 12 million with food allergies — 3 million of whom are children. Children with a food allergy are 2-4 times more likely to have related conditions such as asthma and other allergies. Experts estimate up to 1 percent of people are at risk of anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction, although accurate statistics are not available on anaphylaxis deaths.

In addition, more than 24 million Americans today have asthma, including 7 million children under age 18. In the U.S., 10 people die every day from asthma. Asthma is the most common chronic condition among children, each year resulting in 10.5 million missed school days and costing the nation an estimated \$20 billion in healthcare and lost productivity. And, every day in the United States, 4,800 people visit emergency departments due to asthma and 1,250 are admitted to the hospital. People with asthma are at higher risk of anaphylaxis, and asthma and anaphylaxis can kill within minutes. Yet most of these deaths are preventable!

Please join our efforts to eradicate suffering and death due to asthma and allergies and help thousands of your constituents who struggle with these conditions by joining the Congressional Allergy & Asthma Caucus. The Caucus serves as an informal, bipartisan group of Members dedicated to increasing public awareness, advancing research, and educating peers and constituents about asthma and severe allergies.

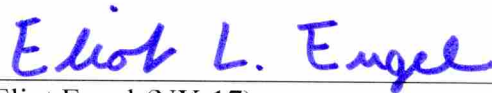
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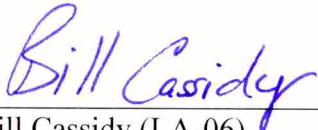
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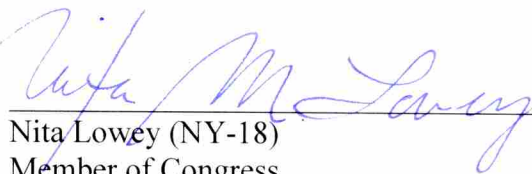
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