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Congressional Kids Safety Caucus

Building the Kids' Safety Caucus in Congress

We must do our work to put the issue of preventable injury--the number one killer of kids in America--at the top of their agenda. It is for this reason that I am urging you to write to your member of the House of Representatives to ask them to join the Congressional Kids' Safety Caucus. It is intended to educate the Congress on the mission of saving the lives of the next group of voters. Not a one should be lost because of an injury that could have been prevented.

Below you will find a sample email to your representative, and an email to send to all of your friends, relatives and colleagues in child safety.

Email to Your Congressman

Dear Rep. XXX,

Too many of our kids are lost or seriously injured because of an injury that could have been prevented. This is why four of your colleagues joined together to form a bipartisan **Congressional Kids' Safety Caucus**. It is a national tragedy and it is something Congress can play a role in relieving:

- Whether it's reducing injuries in kids' sports, such as traumatic brain injury, because 1.35 million kids are seen in emergency rooms for sports-related injuries each year.
- Whether it's making our highways and roads safer, because motor vehicle related crashes are the number one cause of death among children ages 1 to 19, killing 3,311 kids in 2011 alone.
- Whether it's focusing on the new danger of distraction, because one in five high school students and one in eight middle school students crosses the street while distracted.

You can contact anyone of these Congressional offices to join: Rep. Wasserman Schultz (<u>seth.extein@mail.house.gov</u>), Rep. Jon Runyan (<u>rachel.provost@mail.house.gov</u>), Rep. Grace Meng



(<u>rachana.shah@mail.house.gov</u>) or Rep. Kevin Cramer (<u>nicole.bredahl@mail.house.gov</u>). <u>Here is the letter</u> the Members sent to their colleagues asking if they would sign on.

Email to Your Friends

Dear XXX

As you know, I have been involved in Safe Kids Worldwide for many years. (Insert: describe your specific relationship with Safe Kids. Have you had a personal experience with child injury.) I am happy to tell you that four Members of Congress have joined together to form a bipartisan **Congressional Kids' Safety Caucus**. It is a national tragedy that childhood injury is the number one injury in kids 19 and under. And it is something Congress can play a role in relieving. Here's how to find your Member of Congress: **FIND MY REP.** Please take a minute to contact your Member and ask them to join the Congressional Kids' Safety Caucus.

Current Members of the Congressional Kids' Safety Caucus

| First Name | Last Name | Party/State |
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| Charlie | Rangel | D-NY |
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