

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

B R I E F I N G

*** * Chronic Disease * ***

Successful Prevention Efforts – Challenges Ahead

Dear Colleague:

Aging Baby Boomers, the rise of obesity – particularly among children - and the fact that 7 out of 10 Americans die from heart disease, cancer, stroke or diabetes are only some of the chronic disease issues of concern to members of Congress. What is perhaps more troubling than this last statistic is the fact that so many of the chronic diseases that disable and kill millions of Americans are preventable.

The **Congressional Study Group on Public Health** is holding our next briefing on Friday May 4th. Please attend and learn more about federal, state and private sector public health efforts to reduce the prevalence of chronic diseases.

“Chronic Illness – Trend Lines, Fiscal Impact and Areas to Improve”

Friday, May 4 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.


Room 1301, Longworth House Office Building

We have confirmed the attendance of three excellent and diverse speakers for this briefing, each of whom will bring a unique perspective to the discussion. All will be available for a question and answer period at the end of their presentations.

- **Dr. Janet Collins**, PhD, Director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Mr. Mike Pucci**, Executive Vice President, External Advocacy for GlaxoSmithKline
- **Mary Travis Bassett, M.D., M.P.H.**, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

To RSVP for the May 4th briefing or to **join the Congressional Study Group on Public Health**, please contact Lisa Salerno (5-6101) with Rep. Jim McGovern or Amy Tenhouse (5-5071) in Rep. Kay Granger’s office.

Sincerely,


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