



## Join the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus

The Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus was established in March of 2010. The National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) Advocacy & Policy Center works with Members of the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus to support its mission to educate members of Congress and their staff about what Down syndrome is and the important issues that affect the Down syndrome community.

We are excited to announce that in 2015 two new co-chairs have joined the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus to further the goal of supporting positive policy changes for people with Down syndrome. The Caucus supports legislative activities that improve Down syndrome research, education and treatment within the community and promote public policies that enhance the quality of life for those with Down syndrome.

### **The Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus:**

- Urges relevant authorizing committees to support programs and patient care for people with Down syndrome through letters and testimony
- Holds informational events for members and staff in Washington, DC to increase awareness of Down syndrome among members
- Ensures Down syndrome is adequately addressed in all relevant legislation and regulations
- Continues to build a sustainable, dynamic political force and informational clearinghouse by increasing membership and activities
- Works with national and local Down syndrome groups to develop leading educational, medical and work-related initiatives that support individuals with Down syndrome
- Identifies and strikes down barriers in Federal law for people with Down syndrome and other intellectual disabilities
- Expands opportunities for the Down syndrome community in education, the workplace and society at large

### **Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus Co-Chairs**

Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)  
Pete Sessions (R-TX)  
Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)

Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)  
Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)  
Cheri Bustos (D-IL)

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