

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 13, 2009

**Help Educate the Public about Fragile X Syndrome**  
**Cosponsor Fragile X Awareness Day Resolution**

Dear Colleague:

As Co-Chairs of the Fragile X Caucus, we invite you to cosponsor H.Res. 611, supporting the goals and ideals of Fragile X Awareness Day.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate Fragile X Awareness Day, first proclaimed by Congress in 2000 to bring attention to this little-known disease.

Fragile X Syndrome is the most common cause of inherited intellectual and developmental disability. It is also the leading known cause of autism and has been linked to premature ovarian failure, hand tremors, dementia and balance problems. Over 100,000 Americans have Fragile X Syndrome, and more than one million Americans either have or are at risk for developing a Fragile X-associated disorder.

The incidence of Fragile X can be significantly reduced through awareness, early testing, and continued research to improve treatments and, ultimately, find a cure. Please join us in this effort by cosponsoring H.Res. 611.

To cosponsor this resolution, please contact Kemi Jemilohun in Rep. Hare's office at x55905 or [kemi.jemilohun@mail.house.gov](mailto:kemi.jemilohun@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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