Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL CAUCUS ON FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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Dear Colleague:

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is *the* leading known cause of mental retardation in the United States. Studies estimate that approximately 40,000 infants are born with FASD every year. Individuals with FASD are often small at birth, develop slowly, and can suffer from mental retardation or a low IQ. Additionally, they might have learning difficulties, exhibit poor coordination and have problems with memory, attention and judgment.

FASD is completely preventable, however, if a woman abstains from alcohol during pregnancy, making it absolutely imperative that outreach and education are undertaken to address this national concern.

Accordingly, we have established the Congressional Caucus on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders to educate and inform Members on matters relevant to this disorder, and make recommendations on appropriate policy.

Please join us in advocating for this worthy cause. If you would like to become a founding member of the Congressional Caucus on FASD, please contact Karin Hope in Mr. Ramstad's office at 225-2871, or Robert Clark in Mr. Pallone's office at 225-4671.

Sincerely,

Jim Ramstad
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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