

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Celebrate Brain Awareness Week and Join the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus

March 16, 2015

Dear Colleague,

We urge you to join us in commemorating Brain Awareness Week, which presents an important opportunity to educate lawmakers, students, and the broader public about brain science, its impacts and benefits, and the many events taking place across the country in the coming days.

This year, Brain Awareness Week is March 16th-20th. Neuroscientists around the world will participate in educational activities to strengthen public understanding of brain function. This is critical when you consider that brain disorders and diseases affect the lives of nearly 100 million Americans—from Alzheimer's to ALS to mental illness, these conversations could not happen at a more critical time.

We also invite you to join the bipartisan **Congressional Neuroscience Caucus**, whose mission is to build awareness of the intrinsic role brain research plays in understanding ourselves and our society. As Co-Chairs, we are committed to working on these important issues together and hope you will join our efforts as members of the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus.

For further information, please contact Kristen Donheffner with Congressman Blumenauer at 5-4811 or Nick Magallanes with Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers at 5-2006.

Sincerely,



Earl Blumenauer
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