Representatives Mike Doyle (PA) and Chris Smith (NJ) founded and Co-Chair the Coalition for Autism Research and Education (“CARE” or “Autism Caucus”), the first-ever Congressional Membership Organization dedicated to autism advocacy on Capitol Hill.

The goals of the bipartisan Coalition for Autism Research and Education include, but are not limited to:

- Increasing general awareness of autism and autism spectrum disorders among Members of Congress and policy analysts in federal government;
- Educating Members of Congress on current and future research initiatives regarding autism;
- Serving as a forum where autism-related policy issues can be exchanged, debated, and discussed;
- Bringing together public, private, and government entities to pursue legislative initiatives that will help facilitate advanced treatments—and ultimately a cure—for autism spectrum disorders.
- Promoting all means to ease the burdens of families and loved ones affected by autism.


When Talking with Members or staff:

- If a Representative or Senator is a member of the Autism Caucus, be sure to thank them!
- If a Representative or Senator is not a member of the Autism Caucus, invite them to find out more! There’s no cost to join, and membership is bipartisan and bicameral.

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