

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515



BRIEFING

Violence *and* Injury Prevention

Monday, December 10th – 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
122 Cannon House Office Building

Dear Colleague:

Violence and injuries caused by motor-vehicle crashes, suicides, drowning, fires, intimate partner violence and falls are all major public health issues in the United States. Many of these issues, as well as winter weather hazards such as carbon monoxide poisonings, are particularly prevalent during the winter and holiday seasons.

Though frequently under-appreciated for their impact on health and well being, injuries have steadily remained a major source of death and disability among all age groups. According to recent CDC statistics, unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for those 1 to 44 years of age in the U.S.¹ All can be curbed with appropriate preventive efforts.

Injuries are responsible for millions of trips to emergency rooms and hospitals each year and often impart enormous economic and societal burdens.

Please join the **Congressional Study Group on Public Health** for a detailed briefing on violence and injury prevention. Learn more about the common sources, trends and effects of injuries and violence and find out what is being done to prevent them. A question and answer period will follow formal presentations.

Speakers include:

- **Dr. Ileana Arias**, Director of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Jennifer Azzi**, Community Ambassador for the Women's National Basketball Association, a former player with the Utah Silver Stars and an Olympic Gold Medalist (1996)
- **Dr. Andrea C. Gielen**, Professor and Director, Center for Injury Research and Policy, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

To RSVP for the December 10 briefing or to join the Congressional Study Group on Public Health, please contact Lisa Salerno (5-6101) with Rep. McGovern or Catherine Knowles (5-5071) in Rep. Granger's office.

Sincerely,

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James McGovern
Member of Congress

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Kay Granger
Member of Congress

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Lucille Roybal-Allard
Member of Congress

¹ CDC Injury Fact Book, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, November 2006,
http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/fact_book/InjuryBook2006.pdf ON RECYCLED PAPER