

## WHY JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL ARTHRITIS CAUCUS?

- **Because arthritis is our nation's leading cause of disability**, resulting in an annual \$303 billion price tag from direct (medical) and indirect (lost earnings) costs.
- **Because 54 million Americans have arthritis now**, and that number is expected to climb to 78 million by 2040.
- **Because, according to the CDC, 1 in 20 working age adults must change jobs**, stop working entirely, or reduce the hours they work due to arthritis.
- **Because arthritis pain is a barrier to the treatment of other chronic diseases**. 47% of adults with diabetes, 49% of people with heart disease, and 30% of obese adults also have arthritis.
- **Because the impact of arthritis is worse on racial and ethnic minority groups**. 44.6% of non-Hispanic Blacks and 43.2% of Hispanics with arthritis report activity limitation.
- **Because together we can fight to end arthritis.**

*The mission of the Congressional Arthritis Caucus is to serve as a clearinghouse for information on arthritis and a bipartisan forum to aid Members of Congress in working together to address arthritis. The Caucus works toward the goal of educating all Members about how arthritis impacts their communities and how to help support federal and local efforts that can address this chronic disease.*

Learn about the impact of arthritis on your state by visiting [http://www.cdc.gov/arthritis/data\\_statistics.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/arthritis/data_statistics.htm)

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