

Senate Comprehensive Care Caucus: A Conversation about Palliative Care

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Dear Colleague,

We write to invite you and your staff to join us for the launch of the bipartisan Senate Comprehensive Care Caucus and a panel discussion on palliative care on Wednesday, July 31st at 3:30pm in the Kennedy Caucus Room, SR-325. This caucus will serve to raise awareness and work toward improvements in areas of palliative care, coordinated care, and issues impacting caregivers. We also invite you to join as members of this new Senate caucus.

Palliative care provides a holistic approach to ensure patients with a serious illness or injury have a comprehensive care plan that is tailored to their specific needs, whether that is with curative treatment or end-of-life hospice care. Palliative care can be well-integrated and complementary to curative treatments, which allows patients to also receive patient- and family-centered care focused on improving quality of life and relieving suffering. Such services address the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of the patient and their family.

Improving access to palliative care not only improves outcomes and reduces stress—it also reduces health care costs. We are looking forward to hearing from the experts on this panel about the current state of palliative care, real life examples of how it works, and how we can work together to improve access for patients.

If you have any questions, or to join the Comprehensive Care Caucus, please let us know or have your staff contact Olga Zoraqi in Senator Rosen's office at Olga Zoraqi@rosen.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

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