

# Support Adult Literacy - Join the Adult Literacy Caucus

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Dear Colleague:

We cordially invite you to join the bipartisan Congressional Adult Literacy Caucus.

The Congressional Adult Literacy Caucus aims to bring attention to adult literacy issues and promote local and national adult literacy initiatives. The caucus brings awareness to the connections between adult literacy and national priorities like economics and health.

## **Background:**

In 2013, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) released a Survey of Adult Skills that analyzed the literacy, numeracy, and digital problem-solving skills of adults, ages 16 through 65. The survey showed that the United States has a high percentage of low performers in literacy. Further research estimates that 36 million adults, or 1 in 6, have low literacy skills.

Lower-skilled adults are more likely to be unemployed or out of the labor force than they are to be employed. Children of parents with lower literacy levels start school at a disadvantage. This inequality can continue well into a child's education, and into the later years of their lives.

The Congressional Adult Literacy Caucus seeks to educate members and staff on the latest research and best practices to improve adult literacy rates in the United States.

We hope you will join us in this important work. Please contact Otto Katt with Representative Roe at [otto.katt@mail.house.gov](mailto:otto.katt@mail.house.gov) or Erica DiCio with Rep. Yarmuth at [Erica.DiCio@mail.house.gov](mailto:Erica.DiCio@mail.house.gov) if you are interested in joining.

Sincerely,

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