

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Please Join the Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease for a Briefing on

**New Discoveries and Directions in
Alzheimer's Disease Research and Care**

Tuesday, January 16, 2007
at 2:00 p.m. in 2105 RHOB

Dear Colleague:

- **Alzheimer's disease is the leading cause of dementia in the elderly and the numbers of people affected are increasing at an alarming rate.**
- **Older African-Americans have a greater risk of dementia than other Americans of the same age and African-Americans generally seek diagnosis and treatment for dementia later than their white counterparts.**
- **New risk information, new genetic discoveries and new treatments to slow and prevent Alzheimer's disease have been discovered.**

Please join the Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease for a briefing about risk, diagnosis, care and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, with an emphasis on health disparities in African Americans, and what we can do to improve the situation.

The briefing will feature presentations by:

- **Robert C. Green, MD, MPH**, Professor and Co-Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Clinical and Research Program at Boston University School of Medicine
- **Robert A. Stern, PhD**, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Clinical and Research Program at Boston University School of Medicine
- **Dapo Akinleye, MPH**, Doctoral Candidate, School of Public Health, University of Albany

If you have any questions about the briefing, please contact Kate Reinhalter (Rep. Markey) at katharine.reinhalter@mail.house.gov , Tim Lynagh (Rep. Smith) at tim.lynagh@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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