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Headline: Ask your Representative to join the bipartisan Congressional Soils Caucus

The Congressional Soils Caucus was established in 2006 to educate policymakers about the importance of soils and soil science.

The Congressional Soils Caucus works to enhance the understanding of the role that soil and soil science play in addressing the most pressing issues facing our nation and the world through educational briefings for members of Congress and their staff.

Email your Representative today and ask them to join the bipartisan Congressional Soils Caucus and show their support for this invaluable natural resource.

Email to Representatives

Headline: Join the Bipartisan Congressional Soils Caucus

I write to ask you to consider joining Congressmen Jim Costa, Jared Huffman, Roger Marshall, and Jeff Fortenberry in the bipartisan Congressional Soils Caucus.

As a constituent living and working in your district, I know that soils are essential for life. Soils provide the foundation for growing healthy, safe food, they help filter clean water, they sequester carbon, and they provide countless other invaluable ecosystem services.

Soil science integrates scientific principles from physics, biology, and chemistry to understand how soils provide these essential services. Soil science provides an understanding of how soil can be managed for optimal agricultural production, forest, range, and wetland management, urban land use, waste disposal, land reclamation, and climate change adaptation and mitigation. Understanding how soil influences these vital systems can help better shape and inform policymaking.

See the Dear Colleague letter below for more information on joining the caucus.



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Dear Colleague,

We hope you will consider joining the Congressional Soils Caucus. Soils are the literal foundation for growing healthy, safe food, storing and filtering clean water, and sequestering carbon, among many other essential services. Healthy soils affect us all, but few know that soils are a non-renewable natural resource that need appropriate, science-based stewardship.

The Congressional Soils Caucus was established in June, 2006 to educate policymakers and stakeholders about the importance of soils and soil science. The Congressional Soils Caucus Alliance supports the efforts of the Caucus by educating Caucus members on soil conservation and management to ensure the continued, sustainable production of high-quality and abundant food, fuel, feed and fiber, while protecting and enhancing the environment and natural resources base across the nation.

Recent briefings sponsored by the Congressional Soils Caucus include topics on the challenges of hemp production and citrus greening, and it co-hosts a yearly Soils, Vines & Wines reception that highlights the importance of soils (terroir) for wine quality and flavor. Upcoming briefings for 2019 include topics on wildfires, floods, safe foods from urban soils, and carbon sequestration. We hope you will join us in discovering more about soils and soil science!

Please contact Michael Brooks (michael.brooks@mail.house.gov) on my staff to join the caucus.

Sincerely,

Roger Marshall, M.D.

Member of Congress

