

# JOIN THE BI-PARTISAN AMERICAN ENGAGEMENT CAUCUS

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Dear Colleague:

We live in an age of interdependence, and America's security, economic, environmental, and moral interests are inextricably linked with those of the international community. That is why the United States must find creative new approaches for working with the world to create a safer, more peaceful, prosperous, and just world.

For this reason, we are launching the **American Engagement Caucus** – a forum where Members can discuss U.S. engagement to address the world's most pressing problems, such as preventing the spread of nuclear weapons, stamping out terrorism, confronting climate change, and revitalizing the global economy.

Historically, America has been the most respected nation because of our commitment to working with all countries on behalf of freedom, peace, and other common objectives. Steadfast American engagement helped end two world wars and succeeded in bringing the Cold War to an end as well.

Enlightened global engagement allows the United States to advance its interests without going it alone or acting as the world's policeman. Working with other countries also helps ensure that we achieve our goals without paying all the bills or taking all the risks for global security. The Caucus will address the pros and cons of working with international bodies like the UN and EU and regional organizations like the AU and ASEAN. It will also deal with issues related to counterterrorism, non-proliferation, climate change, peacekeeping, and drug trafficking.

Our security, our economic future, and safeguarding the world's environment all depend on engagement. This caucus aims to educate Members on the benefits and challenges to engagement, and to put forward strategies that can enhance partnerships between nations.

Should you have any questions or would like to become a member of this Caucus, please contact Jeremy Haldeman in Congressman Russ Carnahan's office at 225.2671 or [jeremy.haldeman@mail.house.gov](mailto:jeremy.haldeman@mail.house.gov), or Dang Nguyen in Congressman Cao's office at 225.6636 or [dang.nguyen@mail.house.gov](mailto:dang.nguyen@mail.house.gov).

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