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Sick Cells Announces Relaunch of Bipartisan Congressional Sickle Cell Disease Caucus to Advance Federal Policy, Research, and Public Education

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sick Cells, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving outcomes for individuals living with sickle cell disease (SCD), announced today the relaunch of the **Sickle Cell Disease Caucus**, a bipartisan congressional platform designed to advance federal policy, funding, research, and education related to sickle cell disease.

The Sickle Cell Disease Caucus serves as a credible, bipartisan forum to elevate the needs of Americans living with SCD and those who support the community through care, innovation, and coverage. The caucus will act as a central vehicle for congressional education, member engagement, and coordination with federal agencies and external stakeholders.

The caucus will focus on three core priority areas: strengthening SCD education and awareness, advancing federal legislation and appropriations, and driving research and innovation. This effort will advance high-impact, patient-centered policy priorities across the lifespan and strengthen coordination across federal agencies, including NIH, CDC, HRSA, CMS, and FDA.

The Sickle Cell Disease Caucus will be led by Rep. Glenn Ivey (D-MD), who also serves on the House Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Rich McCormick (R-GA), a decorated veteran and emergency room physician. In addition to congressional leadership, the caucus will engage a broad network of stakeholders, including researchers, healthcare providers, patient advocates, industry partners, and community leaders.

The reestablishment of the Sickle Cell Disease Caucus marks the beginning of a multi-year engagement strategy consisting of policy briefings, listening sessions, and stakeholder convenings throughout 2026 and beyond.

For more information about the Sickle Cell Disease Caucus or to learn how to engage, visit <https://sickcells.org/sickle-cell-disease-caucus/>.

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About Sick Cells

Sick Cells is a national advocacy nonprofit focusing on sickle cell disease. Founded in 2017, its mission is to elevate the voices of the sickle cell disease community and our stories of resilience. In amplifying the challenges this community faces, Sick Cells will influence decision-makers and drive positive change.