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**Action Alert!**

**Brain Injury Awareness Month Fair on Capitol Hill**

Greetings NASHIA Member:

The Congressional Brain Injury Task Force cordially invites you to participate in the "2007 Brain Injury Awareness Month Fair on Capitol Hill" on **Tuesday, March 13, 2007**. In the spirit of this mission, several events will be hosted throughout the day. Following the fair and a roundtable discussion, the National Brain Injury Research Treatment and Training Foundation (NBIRTT), the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA), the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators (NASHIA), and the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) will host a Congressional reception.

**10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Brain Injury Awareness Fair  
in the Rayburn House Office Building Foyer**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. -- "TBI: The Signature Wound of the War on Terrorism." A Roundtable  
discussion on: The Challenges of Meeting the Needs of Service Personnel Returning to Their  
Communities  
418 Russell Senate Office Building**

**6:00 p.m. -- 8:00 p.m. -- Reception Celebrating Brain Injury Awareness Month.  
418 Russell Senate Office Building, Office B**

It is the mission of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force to further education about and awareness of brain injury incidence, prevalence, prevention and treatment. We also support funding for basic and applied research on brain injury rehabilitation and the development of a cure. The Task Force presently has 103 bipartisan members.

We hope you will attend and help educate Members of Congress and their staff on Traumatic Brain Injury and rid its reputation as a "silent epidemic." Please RSVP by Tuesday, March 6, to Charla Penn McManus in Congressman Pascrell's office if you wish to exhibit materials during the fair and contact Charla at (202) 225-5751 to obtain a form to send by fax (202) 225-5782. If you are unable to attend but would like to provide materials for the event, please contact Charla Penn McManus in Congressman Pascrell's office at (202) 225-5751 or Becky Braunstein in Congressman Todd Platts' office at (202) 225-5836. We expect an attendance level of 100 individuals. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

s/Bill Pascrell, Jr.

s/Todd Russell Platts

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*This **Action Alert** was prepared for NASHIA members by Susan L. Vaughn, Director of Public Policy, on behalf of the NASHIA Public Policy Committee, chaired by Debra Kamen. To see NASHIA's Public Policy Platform click on [www.nashia.org](http://www.nashia.org).*

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**NASHIA is assisting State government in promoting partnerships and building systems to meet the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families.**