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Re: Autism Policy Reform Coalition (APRC)

The Autism Policy Reform Coalition (APRC) has constituted itself as organizations in service of people with autism who are coming together for the purpose of proposing meaningful legislation that will make a real difference in the lives of those with Autism – their families, physicians, communities, and our nation. The following organizations are represented as APRC:

- The Autism Trust
- Generation Rescue
- Talk About Curing Autism (TACA)
- Autism is Medical (AIM)
- D.A.I.R. Foundation (Defending Academic Integrity and Research)
- Safe Minds
- Thinking Moms Revolution (TMR)

The APRC requests the following be included in the 2014 CAA Legislation:

1. The creation of government structures to coordinate and guide strategy and funds related to Autism research and care.
2. The creation of legislative mandates for environmental concerns.
3. Input from community stakeholders.
4. Medical models focused on quality clinical care and translation of research into standards of care.
5. A sense of urgency around safety issues to include, for example, wandering, seizures, abuse, suicide, bullying; and the establishment of a national alert system and professional response training.
6. Epidemiology to establish the prevalence numbers and have data for strategically planning and managing concerns regarding Autism.

Sincerely,

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