

**CONGRESSIONAL STRUCTURED SETTLEMENTS CAUCUS MEETING**  
**TALKING POINTS**

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**Talking Points:**

- I am pleased to be here this morning for the inaugural Meeting of the Congressional Structured Settlements Caucus.
- Congressman Lewis and I agreed to serve as Co-Chairs for this new Caucus to help educate Members of Congress on the importance of structured settlements which have been used for 30 years to provide long-term financial security to seriously injured victims and their families.
- Congress acted to encourage the use of structured settlements to enable injured victims to live with dignity, free of reliance on Government benefit programs and with financial security.
- Structured settlements constitute a private sector funding alternative to taxpayer-financed assistance programs to meet the ongoing, long-term medical expenses and basic living needs of seriously injured victims and their families, providing long-term financial security through an assured stream of payments tailored to the victim's needs throughout his or her lifetime.
- Structured settlements enable seriously injured, often profoundly disabled people to live with dignity and financial independence, free of reliance on government programs and interference.
- Structured settlements have been widely used in the tort area for over 30 years, and Congress has also acted to extend the structured settlement tax rules to worker's compensation to cover physical injuries suffered in the work place.

- Today Worker's Compensation claims are routinely settled utilizing structured settlements to compensate severely injured, often profoundly disabled, victims.
- Structured settlements have always enjoyed strong bipartisan support in the U.S. Congress—for one very simple reason—structured settlements work to help injured victims live their lives with security and confidence.
- Thank you for being here today at this inaugural meeting of the Caucus.