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Congressman Steve Chabot Joins the Congressional Vision Caucus

COLUMBUS, OH– Congressman Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati) has recently become a member of the Congressional Vision Caucus (CVC). He joins over one hundred Congressional leaders who are already members of the caucus. The CVC is an alliance of Congressional Members committed to implementing policies that assist individuals with visual impairments, support of vision research, and promotion of educational program and initiatives that prevent needless vision loss.

Congressman Chabot will be joining fellow Ohioans U.S. Congressional Representatives Patrick Tiberi (co-chair), Michael Turner, Deborah Pryce, Marcy Kaptur, Tim Ryan, Zach Space and U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

With the number of age-related eye diseases and vision impairment expected to double by 2030, affecting more than 7 million Americans, the caucus focuses on three main areas: research, prevention/public health, and access to treatment and rehabilitation. **In Ohio, more than 2.5 million will be affected and will cost Ohio nearly \$2 billion annually!** Part of their mission is to raise awareness of this increasing number and to educate members of Congress so they understand the extent of eye problems in the U.S.

Prevent Blindness Ohio, founded in 1957, is Ohio's leading volunteer nonprofit public health organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight. We serve all 88 Ohio counties, providing direct services to more than 800,000 Ohioans annually and educating millions of consumers about what they can do to protect and preserve their precious gift of sight. Prevent Blindness Ohio is an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, the country's second-oldest national voluntary health organization. For more information or to make a contribution, visit our website at www.pbohio.org or call 800-301-2020.

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