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CSA Enjoys Opportunity to Share Awareness With Nebraska Congressional Delegation

Nebraska's United States Senators' Ben Nelson (D-NE) and Mike Johanns (R-NE) were both presented information and materials promoting celiac disease and early diagnosis, along with information about the Celiac Sprue Association (CSA) by Mary A. Schluckebier, CSA Executive Director on July 4, 2009 in Seward, Nebraska. She met with both of them during the Seward, Nebraska Fourth of July Celebration and was able to discuss a variety of topics related to celiac disease. A major issue related to the proposed health insurance program currently before the US Senate and how it relates to individuals with celiac disease and their families. They also discussed the concerns that individuals with celiac disease have with drug coatings.

United States Representative, Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) was also at the Seward July 4, 2009 celebration. While Mary Schluckebier was not able to share the prepared CSA materials with Congressman Fortenberry personally, she did meet with several of his legislative aides. She emphasized the increasing celiac disease awareness and addressed current legislation involving individuals with celiac disease and the Celiac Sprue Association. She presented them with packets to assist them at Capitol Hill concerning celiac disease.

CSA has launched an ambitious promotion of celiac disease awareness and early diagnosis to physicians through the CSA –Physician Education Program (CSA-PEP). CSA plans to deliver informational materials about celiac disease through the CSA membership to 60,800 physicians and 10,000 medical students by 2012.

The mission of CSA is "Celiacs Helping Celiacs." The work of celiac disease awareness by the CSA membership was also promoted during Mary Schluckebier's visit with each member of the congressional delegation. CSA is the largest membership organization in the United States that focuses on celiac disease and early diagnosis, with over 100 CSA Chapters and Resource Units throughout the United States.



Mary Schluckebier and
US Senator from Nebraska Mike Johanns



US Senator from Nebraska Ben Nelson
and Mary Schluckebier

The Celiac Sprue Association (CSA) is a member-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with celiac disease and dermatitis herpetiformis worldwide through education, information and research.