



Join the Congressional Optics and Photonics Caucus

The Congressional Optics and Photonics Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral Caucus chaired by Representatives Joe Morelle (D-NY) and Brian Mast (R-FL) and Senators Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) and Steve Daines (R-MT). Launched in 2021, the Caucus serves as a Congressional voice for the advancement of optics and photonics as well as a bridge to administration offices focused on workforce development and research and development in this dynamic area of discovery.

The mission of the Optics and Photonics Caucus is to advance the use of light-based technologies through public and private investments and policies. These technologies can significantly improve defense capabilities, communications, energy, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and scientific research. They also play a pivotal role in workforce development. The Caucus works in a bipartisan way to increase awareness of how optics and photonics improves the everyday lives of Americans and maintains the U.S. position as a leader in global innovation.

“The National Photonics Initiative strongly supports the work of the Congressional Optics & Photonics Caucus and applauds the efforts of Representatives Morelle and Mast and Senators Sinema and Daines for their leadership as Chairs,” said Ed White, Chair of the NPI Steering Committee. “This Caucus is a valuable tool for members and staff seeking to learn more about the dynamic possibilities of optics and photonics. We look forward to working with the Caucus members in their effort to increase the federal use of optics and photonics applications on issues of importance to the U.S.”

To learn more, please visit the Caucus website - <https://opticsphotonicscaucus-morelle.house.gov/> or contact Jo Stiles (jo.stiles@mail.house.gov) of Rep. Morelle's staff.

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About the National Photonics Initiative

The National Photonics Initiative (NPI) is a collaborative alliance among industry, academia and government to raise awareness of photonics and the impact of photonics on our everyday lives.