

**Prescription Drug Safety Victims, House
Members
Join Consumers Union Tuesday to Urge Drug-
Safety Reform
News conference unveils effort before House panel takes up
drug safety legislation**

(Washington, D.C.) – Consumers Union Tuesday (June 12) will feature the faces of those who have suffered due to gaps in our nation’s drug safety laws, and call on Congress to pass comprehensive reform legislation to ensure patients and doctors know about all the potential side effects from prescription medications.

The news conference immediately precedes the House Energy and Commerce Health subcommittee hearing Tuesday on newly proposed prescription drug safety reform legislation. The Senate already has approved its reform bill, and the House measure is a critical step toward reforming the current weak laws that allow the drug companies to game the safety system.

WHAT: Campaign to Strengthen Prescription Drug Safety Law

WHO: Families from Florida, Minnesota, Ohio, Maryland and Rhode Island who have suffered serious health problems or death related to the side effects of prescription drugs they were not informed about.

Jim Guest, President/CEO, Consumers Union, publisher of *Consumer Reports*

House members (invited)

WHEN: 9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 12

WHERE: 1116 Longworth House Office Building

For more information on the families attending, or if you would like to speak to them about their experience prior to the briefing, contact Susan Herold, 202-462-6262, herosu@consumer.org, or Liz Foley, 914-378-2421, foleel@consumer.org, of Consumers Union.