



# Fall 2010 Congressional Briefing UV AND OUR NATION'S VISION



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Wednesday,  
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US Capitol Visitor Center  
Congressional Meeting Room South  
9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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Most Americans know that they need to protect their skin from the sun—but are largely unaware of the need to protect their eyes. Cumulative damage from UV rays can contribute to serious eye disease, which takes a hefty toll on the eye health and productivity of Americans.

### Eye-opening facts to consider:

- Only 9 percent of Americans know that the sun can harm the eyes (Transitions Healthy Sight Survey).
- Five percent of all cataract-related blindness is directly attributable to UVR exposure (WHO).
- Hispanics have a greater risk of developing UV-related eye disease, like cataract and macular degeneration.
- Kids get three times more sun exposure than adults, making eyewear that blocks UV and glare especially important for them (Clin Pediatr, 1991).
- UV and glare can contribute to and worsen the common eye-related issues associated with diabetes, such as diabetic retinopathy and light sensitivity.

### Learn about the potential impact for your constituents from experts in their fields:

Introduction and Welcome: **Representative Gene Green**  
Texas Chair of Congressional Vision Caucus

UV's Role in Eye Disease: **Vincent Young, MD**  
Chairman, Albert Einstein Medical Center

Protecting the Ozone Layer Protects Eyesight: **Drusilla Hufford**  
Director, Stratospheric Protection Division, US EPA

Why Care About Vision Wear?: Professor **Kovin Naidoo**  
Global Programs Director, International Center of Eyecare Education

Spotlight on Hispanics: **Hector Santiago, OD**  
Past Dean, Arizona College of Optometry

Spotlight on Kids: **Peter Kehoe, OD**  
Past-President, American Optometric Association

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