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Senate District 17



Jax Bari

Honors

Jax Bari's National Advocacy Efforts
for



Celiac Disease
Awareness

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 | 10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

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East Wing Rotunda | Section A | Harrisburg, PA

Jax's Legislative Priorities

1. Increase Federal funding to find a cure and more treatment options, other than a strict Gluten Free diet for life (over the past decade, only about **\$3 million** has been annually appropriated by the NIH to Celiac research — only about **\$1** per American, per year, with Celiac which is not enough).
2. Require that Gluten be labeled as a top food allergen on all packaged foods in the U.S., just like it is 62 countries worldwide including across Europe and in Canada.

OVERVIEW

- Celiac Disease is a serious autoimmune disease that afflicts **3 million** Americans, or about **1.0%** of the population (by estimate **129,000** Pennsylvanians).
- Researchers are finding that Celiac Disease prevalence is doubling approximately every 15 years, making it a public health epidemic. Gluten ingestion for people with Celiac causes permanent immunological scarring, doubles the risk of heart disease, and acts as a carcinogen.
- The only available treatment is strict adherence to a lifelong, Gluten Free diet. However, there is no such thing as a truly Gluten-FREE diet because of the constant risk of cross-contact with Gluten, Gluten is in **80%** of our foods, the high price of Gluten Free food and moreover that Gluten is not required to be labeled on packaged foods.

Guests:

Jax Bari along with his parents, Jon and Leslie Bari, and sister Lexi.



Celiac Journey
Celiac is a Disease, Not a Diet!

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