

## **ACT NOW! Write the Presidential Candidates About MCS!**

Now is the time to begin educating the presidential candidates about multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS) and its devastating effects on the individual, the community and our nation.

Let the candidates know:

- Funding is needed for programs that educate both health care professionals and the general public about MCS.
- A committee is needed to help coordinate health agency research, promote the exchange of information, hold federal agencies accountable, and give advocates a voice in policy decisions.
- More research is needed as it offers the greatest prospect of returning people with MCS to healthy, productive lives.

Let our candidates know we are watching them and their actions with regard to MCS as we decide who to elect. Write your own letter or download our pre-designed letters from <http://mcs-america.org/hopefuls.doc> and send one to each of the 13 presidential candidates. The downloadable version comes completely preaddressed with all 13 letters in a 13 page Word document. Add your contact information and you are ready to mail.

### **Sample Letter**

Candidate's Name  
Candidate's Address  
Candidate's City/State/Zip

February 1, 2008

Dear (Candidate's Name);

As you campaign to be our next president, please consider an important health issue – multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS). Sensitivity to chemicals has been researched by scientists for 60 years. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently recognized chemical sensitivity as one symptom of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), yet diagnostic tests and effective medical treatments for MCS have yet to be discovered. For afflicted Americans, proper diagnosis of MCS through confirmatory diagnostic testing would mean better care, treatment, and outcome, all of which would improve many lives.

Here are a few documented and published facts about MCS:

- *Several studies published between 1993 and 2005 suggest that at least 45 million men, women, and children in the US report various chemical sensitivities. Seventy percent of these people have not been diagnosed properly by a health care provider.*
- *Brain scans show reduced blood flow to the brain of MCS subjects*

*when under chemical exposure.*

- *Numerous physiological abnormalities have been identified in MCS subjects, including brain inflammation, oxidative stress, excitotoxicity, cardiac and airway disease, auto-immune disorders, and many others.*
- *Mast cell activation and disorders of porphyrin metabolism have been linked to MCS.*
- *Genetic differences relating to detoxification processes are present more often in those with MCS than those without.*
- *Studies have shown that avoiding inciting chemicals and proper environmental control is the most efficacious treatment known to date. Ninety-five percent of patients report improvement upon practicing avoidance and 94% report improvement upon moving to a chemical free living space.*
- *\*Citations may be found at:*  
<http://mcs-america.org/MCSPositionStatement.htm>.

MCS is already formally recognized by the governments of Germany, Canada, and Denmark. Sweden recognizes electrical sensitivity. Last year, more than one half of state governors proclaimed the month of May as MCS and/or Toxic Injury Awareness Month. The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Health Observance Calendar lists May as MCS Awareness Month.

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I will continue to monitor your campaign and actions. As I consider how to cast my ballot, I hope I can count on your help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Your Address  
Your City, State Zip

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