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## **Afterschool to Light Up United States Capitol on October 20**

### ***Afterschool Students from Across Nation to Give Testimonials To Members of Congress as Country Celebrates 'Lights On Afterschool'***

On the day that will feature some 7,000 rallies around the nation in support of afterschool programs, students from across the United States will come to Capitol Hill to tell Members of Congress about the afterschool programs that have changed their lives. Actor Kevin Sorbo, of television's "Hercules: The Legendary Journeys" and Gene Roddenberry's "Andromeda," will emcee the first-ever *Lights On Afterschool* Briefing, sponsored by the bi-partisan House Afterschool and Children's Caucuses. It will be held at:

**11 AM, Thursday, October 20**  
**Rayburn House Office Building, Room #2105**

**WITH**

***Former Washington Redskin Charles Mann***  
***JCPenney Afterschool Fund Board Chairman Wynn Watkins***  
***Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant***  
***And students from Miami, Flint, Canton, Columbus,***  
***New York, Baltimore and Washington, DC***

A student from Washington, D.C. and one from Coatesville, Pennsylvania will be recognized for their essays in a national essay contest on afterschool. The event will include the unveiling of a mural featuring artwork by afterschool students from across the country.

In addition, students from Bridgeport, Connecticut; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Coatesville, Pennsylvania will share their afterschool experiences at a reception for Senators at 2 PM that day, October 20, in the Senate Capitol Room SC-4. The Senate Afterschool Reception will also feature remarks by Corporate Voices for Working Families President and CEO Donna Klein.

*Lights On Afterschool* is the nation's largest rally for afterschool programs. It began in October 2000, with 1,200 events across the country. Last year, more than half a million people rallied at 7,000 events to show their support for afterschool programs. *Lights On Afterschool* is organized by the Afterschool Alliance with National Presenting Sponsor the JCPenney Afterschool Fund.

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**NOTE:** For more information or to schedule interviews with the afterschool students, please contact Gretchen Wright or Johanna Diaz at 202/371-1999.