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Greetings SMA families, researchers and friends:

First and foremost, thank you for all you have done to help us increase awareness and attention towards our efforts to accelerate treatment and cure discovery for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). We are especially grateful to all of you who have taken the time to contact your Members of Congress in support of The SMA Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009 (H.R. 2149/S. 1158).

Thanks to your efforts, 27 Members of the House of Representatives and 6 Senators have now signed on to the SMA legislation. In order to keep this bill moving through the legislative process, we need to continue to grow the number of cosponsors of the bill. Our goal continues to be to encourage previous cosponsors from the 110th Congress to sign on to the bill again, while at the same time adding new members to the ranks. A list of our current cosponsors, as well as our target House and Senate cosponsors from the 110th Congress, are provided below. **More than ever, we need your help!** **PLEASE contact your Members of Congress to ask them to cosponsor the SMA Treatment Acceleration Act.**

Additionally, the August recess, which begins Monday, August 3rd for the House and Monday, August 10th for the Senate and goes until Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, is an ideal time for families to arrange meetings with their Representatives and Senators in their district offices. District meetings offer a unique opportunity to focus Members' attention on the SMA bill while they are away from the constant demands of their work on healthcare reform and other issues in Washington. **PLEASE contact your Member of Congress and Senators' and district offices and request to meet with them over the August recess.**

As most of you are aware, the SMA Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressmen Patrick Kennedy (RI) and Eric Cantor (VA) and in the U.S. Senate by Senators Debbie Stabenow (MI) and Johnny Isakson (GA), provides federal support to complement the substantial private funding that is being invested to find a treatment for SMA. Passage of this landmark legislation will enable scientific investigators to expedite national clinical trials and demonstrate that potential treatments are safe and effective for SMA patients.

THANK YOU AGAIN for your help for all those with SMA!

Sincerely,

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111th Congress Cosponsors

House

Rep. Patrick Kennedy (RI)
Rep. Eric Cantor (VA)
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (OR)
Rep. Lois Capps (CA)
Rep. Yvette Clarke (NY)
Rep. Steve Driehaus (OH)
Rep. John Fleming (LA)
Rep. Bob Goodlatte (VA)
Rep. Gregg Harper (MS)
Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (SD)
Rep. Brian Higgins (NY)
Rep. James Himes (CT)
Rep. James Langevin (RI)
Rep. Carolyn Maloney (NY)
Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (MI)
Rep. Mike McIntyre (NC)
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)
Rep. Gregory Meeks (NY)
Rep. Adam Putnam (FL)
Rep. Joe Sestak (PA)
Rep. Bennie Thompson (MS)
Rep. Patrick Tiberi (OH)
Rep. Edolphus Towns (NY)
Rep. Joe Wilson (SC)
Rep. Robert Wittman (VA)
Rep. Frank Wolf (VA)
Rep. David Wu (OR)
Rep. C.W. Bill Young (FL)

Senate

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (MI)
Sen. Johnny Isakson (GA)
Sen. Sherrod Brown (OH)
Sen. John Kerry (MA)
Sen. Patty Murray (WA)
Sen. Bernard Sanders (VT)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

110th Congress Cosponsors Targets

House

Rep. Rodney Alexander (LA)
Rep. Jason Altmire (PA)
Rep. Brian Baird (WA)
Rep. Tammy Baldwin (WI)
Rep. Timothy Bishop (NY)
Rep. Dan Boren (OK)
Rep. Rick Boucher (VA)
Rep. G.K. Butterfield (NC)
Rep. Lois Capps (CA)
Rep. Christopher Carney (PA)
Rep. Kathy Castor (FL)
Rep. Jim Cooper (TN)
Rep. Norman Dicks (WA)
Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (CA)
Rep. Randy Forbes (VA)
Rep. Bart Gordon (TN)
Rep. Gene Green (TX)
Rep. Ralph Hall (TX)
Rep. Peter Hoekstra (MI)
Rep. Jay Inslee (WA)
Rep. Henry Johnson (GA)
Rep. Dale Kildee (MI)
Rep. Ron Kind (WI)
Rep. Jack Kingston (GA)
Rep. Mark Kirk (IL)
Rep. Zoe Lofgren (CA)
Rep. Nita Lowey (NY)
Rep. Edward Markey (MA)
Rep. Jim Marshall (GA)
Rep. Michael McCaul (TX)
Rep. John McHugh (NY)
Rep. Candice Miller (MI)
Rep. James Moran (VA)
Rep. Tim Murphy (PA)
Rep. Jerrold Nadler (NY)
Rep. Grace Napolitano (CA)
Rep. Donald Payne (NJ)
Rep. Collin Peterson (MN)
Rep. David Price (NC)
Rep. Tom Price (GA)
Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL)
Rep. Mike Ross (AR)
Rep. Steve Rothman (NJ)
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA)
Rep. Tim Ryan (OH)
Rep. Bobby Scott (VA)
Rep. Pete Stark (CA)
Rep. Cliff Stearns (FL)
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (FL)
Rep. Lynn Westmoreland (GA)
Rep. Charles Wilson (OH)
Rep. Lynn Woolsey (CA)

Senate

Sen. Jeff Bingaman (NM)
Sen. Barbara Boxer (CA)
Sen. Maria Cantwell (WA)
Sen. Robert Casey (PA)
Sen. Saxby Chambliss (GA)
Sen. Dianne Feinstein (CA)
Sen. Frank Lautenberg (NJ)
Sen. Joseph Lieberman (CT)
Sen. Robert Menendez (NJ)
Sen. Barbara Mikulski (MD)
Sen. Jack Reed (RI)
Sen. Jim Webb (VA)