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Greetings SMA families, researchers and friends:

First and foremost, thank you for all you have done to help increase awareness of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and assist in efforts to identify a treatment and cure. With your help, we will find a treatment and cure for SMA!

The SMA Community is very pleased to announce that legislation to enhance federal support for SMA research, H.R. 2149/S. 1158, the **“SMA Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009”**, has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) and Congressman Eric Cantor (R-VA) and in the U.S. Senate by Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA). On behalf of our organizations and the families affected by this devastating disease, we want to express our gratitude and thanks to Congressmen Kennedy and Cantor and Senators Stabenow and Isakson for their leadership.

Today, we are issuing a “Nationwide Call to Action” for all SMA families, researchers and friends to help engage every Member of Congress in support of this legislation and we are asking for your help! PLEASE write your Representative and Senators asking them to sign on as a Cosponsor to the “SMA Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009”

Below is a model letter you can use to send to your Representative and Senators and a few simple steps to assist you in contacting them. Please feel free to personalize your letters or change them as you feel comfortable. While this will take just a few minutes of your time, it will make a great difference!

THANK YOU AGAIN for your help!

Sincerely,

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NOTE: If you have any questions about the **“SMA Treatment Acceleration Act of 2009”** or for more information, please feel free to contact any one of our Government Affairs staff:

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