



United States Senate

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Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure for me to extend a warm welcome to everyone attending The 2010 Families and Professional Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA) Conference. I am sorry that I cannot be there with you on this important occasion.

With over 7.5 million Americans currently affected by SMA, research for its treatment and cure is critical. I commend Families of SMA for their exceptional fundraising for SMA research as well as their investment of over \$1.4 million in local universities and biotechnology companies. Your efforts to raise awareness and provide support to affected families are truly admirable. The dedication and talent you have shown is remarkable and I hope you continue to nurture those exceptional qualities.

As a United States Senator representing the people of California, I congratulate you all on your hard work and wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator