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To Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy:

On behalf of the residents of the 15th Congressional District of California, I am pleased to extend my support to the 2010 Families and Professional FSMA Conference.

Founded in 1984, Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA) is dedicated to its mission to develop a treatment and cure for victims of spinal muscular atrophy. FSMA is committed to raising funds for research, supporting families affected by the disease through networking, information, and services, and improving care for all patients. The first annual conference was introduced in 1988 to provide updates about the latest research and disease management techniques and therapies, and to facilitate networking among families and professionals. Since its inception, the conference has significantly expanded the availability of SMA education. Today, health professionals and families join together to interact, educate, and learn about SMA.

Once again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy for their efforts to promote awareness of this neurological disorder. I thank them for their work and offer my best wishes for the success of today's event.

With warm regards,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress

