

**The Muscular Dystrophy Association Joins with the SMA Foundation,
Families of SMA, and FightSMA to Endorse “The SMA Treatment
Acceleration Act”**

We are very pleased to announce that the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) has endorsed **The SMA Treatment Acceleration Act (H.R. 3334 / S. 2042)**. In an April 10, 2008, letter addressed to the bill sponsors [Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA), and Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA)], MDA President & CEO Gerald Weinberg expresses MDA’s support for the legislation and offers the organization’s full assistance in helping to move the bill through Congress.

The SMA Treatment Acceleration Act provides federal support to complement the substantial private funding that our national non-profit organizations are investing to find a treatment for SMA. Passage of this landmark legislation will enable scientific investigators to mount national clinical trials and demonstrate that potential treatments are safe and effective for SMA patients.

The MDA is joining with our organizations and families affected by SMA in the effort to build community and congressional support for the bill through grassroots and direct advocacy. We are excited to welcome this new member to our team and confident that it will further enhance the robust and effective education and advocacy campaign already in place.

Sincerely,

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