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Attn: Senator Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch

We, the staff of the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation, would like to thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the people of Utah and America. We would also like to make you aware of our organization that serves thousands of people with cardiac arrhythmias every year, from every state.

The SADS Foundation is dedicated to saving the lives and supporting the families of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed to sudden death due to heart rhythm abnormalities. Hundreds of children die every year due to an undiagnosed heart arrhythmia. It is SADS' goal to make all people aware of the warning signs of arrhythmia and sudden death, as well as to make sure that precautions are taken should a sudden cardiac arrest occur.

In the spirit of this mission, we emphasize how important research in this field is to saving lives. The SADS Foundation asks you to please vote "yes" on the Specter/Harkin amendment to increase funding for the NIH in the FY09 budget resolution.

We ask that you keep us informed about the outcomes of this request.

Sincerely yours,

Alyson Talbot
Awareness and Education Director
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