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October 16, 2011

The Honorable Lois Capps
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Capps:

As Sudden Cardiac Awareness Month kicks off, we would like to express our strong support for the **Teaching Children to Save Lives Act**. We applaud your continued leadership and commitment to heart health in introducing this legislation, particularly your recognition of the importance of improving the Chain of Survival.

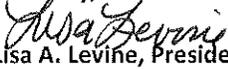
Sudden Cardiac Arrest is a leading cause of death in the U.S., killing nearly 300,000 people annually – including about 6,500 of our young people. This tragedy is compounded by the fact that fewer than one in ten SCA victims survives, when studies have shown that survival rates can be 34 percent or higher with bystander intervention. The Teaching Children to Save Lives Act will help prevent such tragedies by providing grants to elementary and secondary schools across the country to offer programs that train students on CPR and AED use.

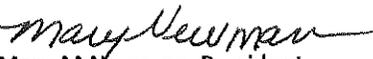
While AEDs are portable, easy-to-use medical devices that have been deployed in many public areas, too few Americans know how to use them or are comfortable using them. We know that when CPR and AEDs are used that lives are saved. Specifically 100,000 lives could be saved each year if more people knew how to be a critical link in the Chain of Survival.

We believe your bill will make important strides in educating an entire generation about how important it is to respond with CPR and an AED when someone – a friend, a neighbor and even a stranger, suddenly drop from heart failure. We can think of nothing more appropriate in recognition of Sudden Cardiac Awareness Month.

Thank you again for your leadership and we look forward to working closely with you on the enactment of the **Teaching Children to Save Lives Act**.

Sincerely,


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The following members of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition support the ***Teaching Children to Save Lives Act***

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