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## SADS Action Alert: Senate Omnibus Appropriations Bill 2009

**Dear Alice,**

We urgently need your help now. The Senate must approve the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill to fund federal agencies such as the NIH, CDC, HRSA, and FDA, among many others. Since September 2008, the federal government has been operating at fiscal year 2008 levels, and until now, has been unable to expand funds to those programs crucial to improving our healthcare system. If the Senate does not pass the Appropriations bill by TOMORROW, the flat level funding will continue.

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### What You Can Do...

Please contact your Senators TODAY, either by phone or email, and let them know how important increased funding for federal health agencies is to you and your family, work, and community. To find your Senators' contact information, simply visit [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and choose your state from the drop down menu in the upper right hand corner.

If you have any questions, please email [Andria Cornell](mailto:Andria.Cornell@geneticalliance.org) at Genetic Alliance or call (202) 966-5557 x207.

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### Tips for Writing Your Letter...

Before calling or sending an email, think about why increased funding for federal health programs is important to you. How are you and your family affected by the health system? Furthermore, what do you believe would be possible with increased funding to the federal agencies supporting health initiatives? Use the answers to these questions to craft just a one to two sentence answer.

The following can be used for an email or voicemail, and can be adapted if a staff member from the Senate office is available to speak with you:

Hello,

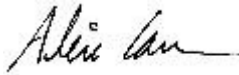
My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am from [insert City and State]. I am calling/writing to ask the Senator to support the FY 2009 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, which will provide increased funding for federal health programs that may help to save the lives of people like me and my family. People who are predisposed to sudden cardiac death due to genetically inherited heart rhythm abnormalities will benefit from increased research in the treatment of these conditions. We can also save lives with awareness programs about the warning signs. [insert your personal message here]

Thank you for your time, [name and contact information]

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And last, but not least, [let us know](#) about what you did! Thank you for all your support in helping to secure funding for much needed health care programs.

Sincerely,



Alice Lara  
SADS Foundation

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web: <http://www.sads.org>

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