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The Honorable Grace Napolitano  
1610 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0538

Dear Representative Napolitano,

On behalf of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), I write to support the Mental Health in Schools Act of 2011. As many as 1 in 5 children have a diagnosable mental health condition, yet most never receive treatment. Access to an array of mental health services can help these youth live happy, productive lives. This legislation will continue the important work of the Safe Schools-Healthy Students program and many other programs in local school districts and communities to ensure that the nation's children have the opportunity to receive mental health services.

The membership of AACAP is composed of over 8,000 child and adolescent psychiatrists and other interested physicians, and is the leading national medical association dedicated to treating and improving the quality of life for the estimated 14 million American youth under 18 years of age who are affected by emotional, behavioral, developmental and mental disorders.

As this bill progresses in the House, we appreciate your consistent support of mental healthcare and the promotion of mental health in schools. We are pleased to support this bill and we look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure its passage. Please contact Kristin Kroeger Ptakowski, Director of Government Affairs, at 202.966.7300, x.108 or [kkroeger@aacap.org](mailto:kkroeger@aacap.org), if there is anything we can do to help.

Sincerely,



Laurence L. Greenhill, M.D.  
President

cc: Ane Romero