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A Visit to Capitol Hill Highlights from JDRF Government Day

Bala Cynwyd, PA— On **February 12, 2008** JDRF members from across the Nation met with their respective representatives and senators on Capitol Hill to request support for H.R. 2762, a bill that will reauthorize the special diabetes program for type 1 diabetes research.



Georgia Hight-Schickel, Jacob Bradley and Grace DiGiovanni (l to r) representing *PA District 2*.

There were over 45 meeting attendees from the Chapter that visited a total of 6 Pennsylvania Representative Offices. JDRF Members visited the offices of Representatives Chris Carney, Chaka Fattah, Tim Holden, Paul E. Kanjorski, Patrick J. Murphy, Todd Russell Platts, and Joe Sestak. Additionally, all attendees visited the offices of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. and Senator Arlen Specter. JDRF members discussed the importance of continued diabetes research funding and shared their personal stories of living with type 1 diabetes.

A few of JDRF's key legislative issues that were highlighted during the meetings were to secure renewal of special type 1 funding

program, accelerate availability of an artificial pancreas, and increase funding for DoD glucose sensing program. For further information on the latest research news visit www.jdrf.org and click on the Research tab.

To become a JDRF Advocate visit www.jdrf.org/advocacy. Advocate members receive regular updates on diabetes research initiatives in bills before Congress, legislative alerts on when and how to write their representatives and senators on matters of immediate importance, and regular e-mail updates on diabetes-related public policy events in Washington, D.C. Additionally members receive news on advocacy initiatives like the Promise to Remember Me Campaign and the JDRF Children's Congress.



February 12, 2008 - JDRF Members meeting with Representative Chaka Fattah in Washington D.C. for JDRF Government Day. Front row are (l to r) Lily Barber, Delaney Dunlap, Georgia Hight-Schickel, Grace DiGiovanni, Jacob Bradley, Elizabeth Busby, Taylor Busby and Grace Busby. Back row (l to r) are Representative Fattah, Matthew Walsh, and Erick Bamberger.

About JDRF: The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease that strikes children suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications, which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. For more information about JDRF, visit the national website at www.jdrf.org or the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter's website at www.jdrf.org/philadelphia.

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