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Representative Nydia Velazquez  
2466 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-3212

Dear Representative Velazquez:

On behalf of the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC), I would like to thank you for your efforts to extend access to the prevention and treatment of obesity to the Medicare and Medicaid populations through the Healthy Foods for Healthy Living Act (HR 45). The OAC strongly believes that in order to reduce the impact of the obesity epidemic in the United States that we must expand both prevention and treatment programs.

As an organization, the OAC produces a wide variety of educational tools covering both the prevention and treatment of obesity. Many of these resources are available on our Web site at [www.obesityaction.org](http://www.obesityaction.org). Please feel free to utilize them if they would be useful in your efforts.

I would also like to volunteer the service of our organization and our members in your efforts to pass HR45. If there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Thanks again for all of your efforts to date and we look forward to working with you on continued efforts to expand prevention efforts and allow improved access to obesity management services. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the OAC can be of any assistance in your efforts.

**About the OAC:**

The OAC is a two-year-old non profit patient organization dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of those affected by obesity and morbid obesity. It is our mission to elevate and empower those affected by obesity through education, advocacy and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Nadglowski", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Nadglowski, Jr.  
President and CEO