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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Obesity Action Coalition (OAC) and our more than 12,000 members, I am writing to thank you for your support of HR 1324, the Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act. As recent headlines continually remind us, childhood obesity rates are soaring in the United States. HR1324 is one significant step that can be taken to set standards that improve the quality of foods available for sale to our children and help address the childhood obesity epidemic.

Childhood obesity is a growing epidemic in the United States affecting more than 30 percent of children – making it the most common chronic disease of childhood. This number has more than tripled since 1980 and it is not just a cosmetic problem. Today, more and more children are being diagnosed with diabetes, hypertension and other co-morbid conditions associated with obesity and morbid obesity. Children who are considered obese are 70 percent more likely to continue being obese into adulthood. In addition, they are at greater risk for serious medical issues such as heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, sleep apnea and cancer – conditions that will only worsen should they carry their obesity into their adult lives.

Your support of this legislation is critical and greatly appreciated as its passage will greatly benefit the lives of many future generations of your constituents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the OAC can be of any assistance in passing this important legislation or on any other obesity-related issues. I can be reached via phone at (800) 717-3117 or e-mail at jnadglowski@obesityaction.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Nadglowski Jr.
President & CEO

About the OAC

The OAC is a non-profit patient organization dedicated to educating and advocating on behalf of those affected by obesity, morbid obesity and childhood obesity. Founded in 2005, the OAC was created to address the obesity epidemic and its devastating impact on the quality of health, quality of life and socioeconomic status of those impacted as well as its significant impact on society. Started after a legislator pointed out that he was often asked to address the obesity epidemic but rarely heard from those affected by obesity themselves, the OAC's focus is unique as we represent the views and interests of the nearly 1/3 of all Americans who are personally affected by obesity. Based in Tampa, Fla., the OAC is a national organization consisting of members in all 50 states.