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The Honorable Susan Collins
U.S. Senate
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Dear Senator Collins:

On behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF), I would like to thank you for your ongoing and consistent leadership in funding type 1 diabetes research. We appreciate your guidance throughout this successful reauthorization process for the Special Diabetes Program as well as your vote in support of the *Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act* (H.R. 6331). Now with the two-year renewal of the Special Diabetes Program included in the bill, we not only have avoided a 35 percent cut in federal funding for type 1 diabetes research but scientists across the nation can continue their research efforts for a three-year cycle. JDRF is pleased and grateful that, with your leadership and that of the Diabetes Caucus which you co-chair, Congress has made the future of this program a priority.

As you well know, JDRF is dedicated to funding research to find a cure for type 1 diabetes and the complications of the disease as quickly as possible. We remain committed to being a strong partner with Congress; this year we expect to fund nearly \$200 million in diabetes research. Together, we will achieve our shared goal of a cure.

Thank you for your dedication to those with diabetes and for funding type 1 diabetes research through the Special Diabetes Program. Please know that millions of children, adults, and their families across the nation that live with type 1 diabetes everyday are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

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Sen. Collins -
Add this to your extensive
list of accomplishments.
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do.
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