

SIGN-ON LETTER OF SUPPORT AND THANK YOU

April 24, 2008

The Honorable Carolyn McCarthy
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned national organizations, we applaud your leadership and commitment to oral and facial health by introducing H. Res. 1062, expressing support for National Facial Protection Month. Prevention and protection are the keys to good health and this is especially true with regard to athletes who participate in contact sports.

As you know, most oral and facial trauma suffered by athletes during contact sports is preventable if the participants are wearing protective equipment such as helmets, facemasks, and mouth guards. April was chosen as Facial Protection Month to serve as a reminder about the importance of protection to our nation's youth – and their parents – as they prepare for the spring and summer sporting season.

Thank you, Congresswoman McCarthy, for recognizing the importance of facial protection and oral health prevention and thank you for your commitment to the nation's health.

Sincerely,

Academy of General Dentistry
American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons
American College of Prosthodontists
American Dental Association