



21 May 2008

The Honorable Louise Slaughter  
2469 Rayburn House Building  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Slaughter:

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The legislation importantly prohibits discrimination on the basis of genetic information with respect to health insurance and employment, a position IEEE-USA has supported along with the Genetic Alliance. Further, it establishes basic legal protections that will enable and encourage individuals to take advantage of genetic screening, counseling, testing, and new therapies that will result from the scientific advances in the field of genetics. It will also prevent health insurers from denying coverage or adjusting premiums based on an individual's predisposition to a genetic condition, and prohibit employers from discriminating on the basis of predictive genetic information.

We sincerely thank you and your dedicated staff for their commitment that enabled passage of this important legislation.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
235 Cannon House Building  
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United States Senate  
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