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Dear Dr. Calhoun:

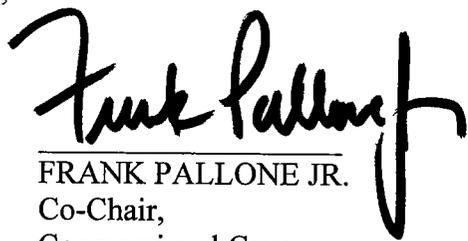
As co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, we commend the important work of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (ICCFAS). We recognize the valuable contributions made by the ICCFAS to the federal initiative concerning FASD, as such an effort transcends the mission and resources of any single agency.

Ever since the inception of ICCFAS in October 1996, a significant amount of interagency communication and collaboration has taken place to support the mission of preventing and treating fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). Accordingly, we would like to request that the Committee submit a report to Congress on recent accomplishments and a five-year strategic plan for 2006-2010. The last time such a report was requested was fiscal year 2001 in the reports accompanying that year's budget for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Since the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure in society are so prevalent, we encourage the continued and committed participation of all federal agencies relevant to the fight against FASD. We also encourage the ICCFAS to promote and facilitate the development of new projects, convene meetings, and further coordinate an effective federal response to the prevalence of FASD. We look forward to reviewing an effective strategy that will guide the Committee and its participants over the next five years.

Sincerely,


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on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders


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