



Congressman Tim Ryan

Representing Ohio's Seventeenth Congressional District

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Dear Friends,

A bill that I helped champion, The Kennedy – Brownback bill (S.1810), was recently signed into law and is now known as the Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act. The law provides resources to women whose born or unborn child receives a diagnosis for Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Cystic Fibrosis, or other prenatally and postnatally diagnosed conditions. The law will make sure that women receive up-to-date scientific information about life expectancy, intellectual and functional development, prenatal and postnatal treatment options, and referrals to supportive services such as hotlines, websites, information clearinghouses, and parent support networks and programs.

This is common ground legislation that will benefit both women and children. We must do more to get women the support they need.

With that in mind, it is my pleasure to introduce you to The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley, whose mission is to support, advocate and be a resource for individuals who have Down syndrome, and for their families.

The Down Syndrome Association of the Valley (DSAV) has already donated thousands of dollars of up-to-date books and reference materials to most of the libraries in the five county area they serve in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

With the wealth of resources they've already compiled, DSAV is pleased to provide you with five copies of [Light at the End of the Tunnel](#). If you need additional copies or other resources, or would like to meet with a representative from DSAV, simply call or email them at (330) 979-DSAV (3728) or info@dsav.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Ryan".

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