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## Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition Issues a Call to Action: Take a Stand Against Sudden Cardiac Arrest Set for October 26 on Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C.--In recognition of National Sudden Cardiac Awareness Month, the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition (SCAC), in cooperation with the Congressional Heart and Stroke Caucus, is hosting "Take a Stand Against Sudden Cardiac Arrest," a two-hour event that will teach the basics of Hands-Only CPR and use of AEDs (automated external defibrillators) on Wednesday, October 26, from 4:00pm-6:00pm in the Rayburn House Office Building Foyer. The Coalition is comprised of more than 50 non-profit organizations with a common interest in preventing death and disability from sudden cardiac arrest.

"Each year more than 295,000 people die from SCA, yet many of these deaths are preventable. Currently the average survival rate for out-of-hospital SCA is about 8%, but if the public better understood the need for immediate bystander intervention with CPR and automated external defibrillators (AEDs), survival rates could increase to 34% or more," said Mary Newman, MS, Coalition Co-Chair.

The event will feature four training sessions running simultaneously, focusing on CPR and AED use. During the program portion of the event, Representative Lois Capps (D-CA) will discuss the **Teaching Children to Save Lives Act**, which will provide grants for programs to teach children and teens CPR and how to use AEDs. Representative Phil Roe (R-TN) will be recognized for his heroic actions last month in helping save the life of a 52-year-old father of three. Benjamin Abella, MD, MPhil, of the Center for Resuscitation Science in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss the latest science. The event will culminate with testimonials from several SCA survivors.

"People of all ages should learn how to recognize SCA, give CPR, and become familiar with AEDs," said Lisa Levine, CAE, Coalition Co-Chair. "Please join us in raising awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and the simple things anyone can do to save a life."

For more information on "Take a Stand Against Sudden Cardiac Arrest," visit [www.stopcardiacarrest.org](http://www.stopcardiacarrest.org).

### About the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition

The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition is comprised of more than 50 organizations passionate about preventing death and disability from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) through legislative initiatives that lead to greater public awareness, research, and access to life-saving therapies. We work collaboratively on a national level to achieve results with Congress, the Administration, other policy makers, the media, healthcare providers, and the public. For more information, visit [www.stopcardiacarrest.org](http://www.stopcardiacarrest.org).