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The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand

478 Russell Building

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Gillibrand:

As a member of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), I would like to offer my deepest appreciation for your sponsorship of the Bone Health Promotion and Research Act of 2011. As the nation’s population ages and more people reach the critical years for fracture risk, the need for legislative action is increasingly important. Osteoporosis and related bone diseases affect people of all ages, ethnicity and gender, and significantly affects quality of life for patients, their families and society. While research has made great strides in treatment, prevention and detection of osteoporosis and related bone diseases, no cure has been found yet. A National Bone Health Plan will improve patient care and enhance research and data collection efforts at HHS, The National Institutes of Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. This bill

will assist scientists and physicians in continuing to expand on the research progress that has already been made.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to bone health.

Sincerely,