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Ms. Jasmine Rios  
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Dear Ms. Rios:

I understand that Mina Communications and Dance San Diego Magazine are launching the first citywide August Dance Awareness Month initiative (ADAM) in August 2008. As a member of Congress who represents the San Diego area, I am pleased to offer my support of this initiative.

The effort to promote dance awareness began with the introduction of the annual Celebrate Dance Festival (CDF), held every August in Balboa Park since 1996. This festival has been successful in promoting the art of dance in San Diego, and is now considered the largest event of its kind in Southern California. The ADAM initiative is aimed at building upon this success by creating a variety of other dance events, including an inauguration party, dance film presentations, in-studio dance company performances, and free dance classes, all leading up to the CDF on August 22-24. Through these events, local dance companies and enthusiasts seek to stimulate interest in dance throughout San Diego and gain support from corporate and philanthropic organizations – something which has been a challenge for the local dance community. The ADAM initiative is an important step toward strengthening the presence of the important art of dance within our city.

As the Representative of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, I applaud the efforts of Mina Communication and Dance San Diego Magazine. Dance is not only entertaining, but also educational and healthy. Dancing improves overall quality of life, and it should get the attention and support it deserves. The ADAM initiative seeks to promote the art of dance, and for that, I would like to extend my sincere support. Thank you for your work, and I wish you much success in the future.

Sincerely,



SUSAN A. DAVIS  
Member of Congress