

2 November 2007

The Honorable Daniel Akaka
United States Senate
141 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Akaka:

The IEEE-USA would like to take this opportunity to endorse the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, or GINA, S.358 and is writing to ask for your support for this legislation. This bill protects all Americans from the misuse of genetic information in employment and health insurance decisions. With these protections in place, Americans will be able to use genetics in medicine without fear of misuse of their genetic information.

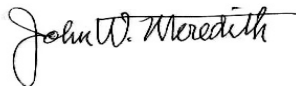
The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act has been reported out of committee and is under consideration by the Senate. We are grateful for the support this bill has in the Senate with 35 cosponsors from both political parties. The Senate passed this bill unanimously in the 108th and 109th Congresses, and though Senate action on the bill has been limited due to competing priorities, we are optimistic that the bill will pass in the 110th. We hope that you will sign on in support of this bill as a cosponsor, encourage it to come to the floor, and vote favorably on it.

More than 140 national patient groups, academic institutions, research centers, companies, women's organizations, labor organizations, and the millions of Americans endorse this legislation. These groups represent every sector of society in this nation, and we urge passage of GINA with your support.

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Thank you for your support for this legislation.

Sincerely,



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President, IEEE-USA

(The same letter was sent to all Members of the U.S. Senate.)