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Riverfront Revolution

Dear Friends:


I want to extend my warmest welcome to everyone attending the Riverfront Revolution Run, Walk, and Wellnessfest. Today is a wonderful day to come together and celebrate healthy living, promote fitness, and learn more about disease prevention. Preventative health care is the easiest, most cost-effective way of ensuring people lead healthy lives.

All Americans, regardless of background, deserve access to affordable, quality health care. I support universal health care, including a requirement that all Americans purchase health insurance with low-cost options and assistance for those in need. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, I introduced the *Universal Health Coverage Act*, which builds on our current employer-based system and protects government-sponsored programs.

I particularly want to recognize Josh Basile for his bravery, determination, and commitment to helping others. Since its inception, Determined2Heal has served as a support system for injured spinal cord patients and their families, as well as a resource for those suffering from paralysis. It has been a pleasure to get to know Josh during the past few years and I thank him for all that he has done.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Benjamin L. Cardin  
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