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The Honorable Robert Menendez  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Menendez:

On behalf of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR), I write to share our support and endorsement of the *Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Research, Cure, and Care Act of 2009*. This legislation would expand bio-medical research in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and increase public awareness and education of this debilitating autoimmune disease.

The ACR commends you on your leadership in addressing psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis research and education and looks forward to working with you to pass this crucial legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact ACR's Director of Government Affairs, Aiken Hackett at [ahackett@rheumatology.org](mailto:ahackett@rheumatology.org) or at (404) 929-4811.

Sincerely,

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