

May 9, 2018

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of 511 national, state, and local organizations dedicated to promoting the health of our nation's children and pregnant women, we write to voice our strong opposition to the White House's proposal to rescind \$7 billion dollars of funding from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This proposal violates the bipartisan budget agreement that Congress and the President reached earlier this year to set funding levels for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and would put children's access to health insurance coverage in jeopardy. We urge you to reject the proposal and any attempt to reduce government spending on the backs of children's health.

Earlier this year, Congress passed – and the President signed – a law authorizing funding for CHIP for an additional 10 years. In passing the 10-year extension of CHIP, Congress acted on a bipartisan basis to provide stability for the program that states, families, and providers sought. The bills signed by President Trump that extended CHIP for 10 years protect coverage for children, give families peace of mind, and enable states to make investments that strengthen and improve their CHIP programs. Rescinding such a substantial sum from CHIP as is contemplated in the rescissions package would undermine the very program Congress intended to strengthen.

Specifically, the White House is proposing to rescind \$15 billion in previously approved spending, almost half of which would come from two accounts in CHIP, to reduce budget deficits. The proposed cuts would come from cutting \$2 billion from the Child Enrollment Contingency Fund, which provides payments to states if they experience an unexpected surge in enrollment. The fund ensures that eligible children can continue to get covered. The White House also proposes to rescind \$5 billion from the Children's Health Insurance Fund.

While White House officials insist that the CHIP cuts would not harm access to care for children and families, that is simply not the case. Our nation is facing an increasing number of natural disasters, including a devastating hurricane season that has displaced thousands of children and families and an ongoing disaster in Hawaii. Each catastrophe leaves families more vulnerable and more likely to qualify for CHIP. In addition to natural disasters, the Child Enrollment Contingency Fund provides states needed protection and security should their CHIP enrollment suddenly spike due to an economic recession or a public health crisis.

The nine million children and families who depend on CHIP have already faced months of uncertainty, when its funding expired before Congress took long-overdue action to extend CHIP funding for ten years. After breathing a short sigh of relief, however, the long-term stability and protection these families fought to ensure is once again in jeopardy. Our organizations urge you to protect children and families, and to reject any proposed cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Sincerely,

1,000 Days  
AASA, The School Superintendents Association  
Academic Pediatric Association  
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics  
The Actors Fund  
ADAP Advocacy Association  
AFL-CIO  
African American Health Alliance

AFSCME  
Afterschool Alliance  
AIDS Alliance for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families  
AIDS United  
Alliance for Strong Families and Communities  
America's Essential Hospitals  
American Academy of Pediatrics  
American Association of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association on Health & Disability  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Surgeons  
American Dance Therapy Association  
American Dental Hygienists' Association  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association  
American Muslim Health Professionals  
American Network of Oral Health Coalitions  
American Nurses Association  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Pediatric Society  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Public Health Association  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Thoracic Society  
The Arc of the United States  
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum  
Association for Community Affiliated Plans  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations  
Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs  
Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of School Business Officials International  
Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors  
Association of University Centers on Disabilities  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Blythedale Children's Hospital  
CAEAR Coalition  
Cancer Support Community  
Center for Autism and Related Disorders  
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)  
Center for Medicare Advocacy  
Center for Public Interest Law  
Center for Public Representation  
Center for the Study of Social Policy  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Child Care Aware of America  
Child Welfare League of America

Children's Advocacy Institute  
Children's Cause for Cancer Advocacy  
Children's Defense Fund  
Children's Dental Health Project  
Children's Health Fund  
Children's Home Society of America  
Children's Hospital Association  
Children's Leadership Council  
Children's Mental Health Network  
The Children's Partnership  
Circle of Parents, Inc.  
Clearinghouse on Women's Issues  
Coalition for Health Funding  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning  
Committee for Children  
Community Access National Network (CANN)  
Community Catalyst  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Drug Policy Alliance  
Easterseals  
El Centro del Inmigrante  
End AIDS Now  
Epilepsy Foundation  
Every Child Matters  
Families USA  
Family Focused Treatment Association  
Family Voices  
Feminist Majority  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Forum for Youth Investment  
Futures Without Violence  
Health Care for America Now  
HIV Medicine Association  
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America  
UAW  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
Jon C Burr Foundation  
Justice in Aging  
Lakeshore Foundation  
Learning Disabilities Association of America  
Legal Action Center  
March of Dimes  
Mi Familia Vota  
MomsRising  
MSDA  
NAACP  
National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors

National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association of Community Health Centers, Inc.  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Association of School Psychologists  
National Association of Secondary School Principals  
National Association of State Directors of Special Education  
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship  
National Coalition on Health Care  
National Consumers League  
National Council for Behavioral Health  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Education Association  
National Health Law Program  
National Hispanic Medical Association  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Patient Advocate Foundation  
National Physicians Alliance  
National Recreation and Park Association  
National Respite Coalition  
National WIC Association  
National Women's Health Network  
National Women's Law Center  
Nemours Children's Health System  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition  
Nurse-Family Partnership  
Oral Health America  
Partnership for America's Children  
Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative  
Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society  
Pediatric Policy Council  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Public Advocacy for Kids  
Public Citizen  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition  
Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need  
Religious Institute  
Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
School Social Work Association of America  
School-Based Health Alliance  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)  
Society for Pediatric Research  
Society for Public Health Education  
Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy initiative

Treatment Action Group  
Trust for America's Health  
UnidosUS  
Union for Reform Judaism  
United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society  
United Methodist Women  
United Way Worldwide  
W. Haywood Burns Institute  
Wolfson Children's Hospital  
Young Invincibles  
YWCA USA  
ZERO TO THREE

## **STATE, TERRITORY AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Alabama**

AIDS Alabama  
Voices For Alabama's Children

### **Alaska**

Alaska Children's Trust

### **Arizona**

Mi Familia Vota  
Native American Connections  
Raising Special Kids

### **Arkansas**

Office of Oral Health Arkansas Department of Health

### **California**

Alameda Health Consortium  
American Academy of Pediatrics, California  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles  
California Children's Hospital Association  
California Dental Association  
California Medical Association  
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network  
California School Nurses Organization  
California School-Based Health Alliance  
California WIC Association  
CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates  
Children Now  
Children's Defense Fund - California  
Children's Hospital Los Angeles  
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)  
Community Health Councils  
Cope Family Center  
County Health Executives Association of California  
El Concilio  
Family Voices of California

Family Voices of California  
First 5 Napa County  
First 5 Santa Cruz County  
Give for a Smile  
Health Access California  
Healthier Kids Foundation  
Inland Empire Coverage & Health Initiative  
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford/Stanford Children's Health  
PDI Surgery Center  
Regional Asthma Management & Prevention  
Results California  
RESULTS Sacramento Delta Area  
RESULTS San Francisco  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation  
Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)  
Street Level Health Project  
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's Health  
United Ways of California

### **Colorado**

Center for Health Progress  
Children's Hospital Colorado  
Colorado Association for School-Based Health Care  
Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council  
Colorado Center on Law and Policy  
Colorado Children's Campaign  
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative  
Colorado School Medicaid Consortium  
Colorado's Community Safety Net Clinics  
Delta Dental of Colorado  
Denver Health and Hospital Authority  
Every Child Pediatrics  
Gary Community Investments  
Oral Health Colorado  
RESULTS Colorado  
Stahlman Disability Consulting, LLC  
Support Jeffco Kids  
Tri-County Health Department

### **Connecticut**

Connecticut Association for Human Services  
Connecticut Voices for Children

### **Florida**

Hope and Help Center of Central Florida, Inc.  
Oral Health Florida  
The Children's Campaign  
Voices for Florida

**Georgia**

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta  
Georgia Watch  
Georgians for a Healthy Future  
Voices for Georgia's Children

**Hawaii**

Hawaii Children's Action Network

**Idaho**

Idaho Voices for Children

**Illinois**

Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago  
Citizen Action/Illinois  
EverThrive Illinois  
DuPage Federation on Human Services Reform  
Family Voices of Illinois  
Health Justice Project, Beazley Institute for Health Law and Policy, Loyola University Chicago School of Law  
Indivisible - Randolph County  
Indivisible Illinois  
Indivisible Peoria Area  
Indivisible Wrigleyville  
Illinois Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Legal Council for Health Justice  
Voices for Illinois Children

**Iowa**

Child and Family Policy Center

**Kansas**

Alliance for a Healthy Kansas  
Kansas Action for Children  
Kansas Appleseed  
Kansas Association of Community Action Programs  
KS Head Start Association  
Oral Health Kansas  
United Community Services of Johnson County

**Kentucky**

Conover & Conover CPAs, PSC  
Kentucky Voices for Health  
Kentucky Youth Advocates

**Louisiana**

504HealthNet  
Agenda for Children  
Louisiana Budget Project  
Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families

**Maine**

Maine Children's Alliance  
Maine Equal Justice Partners  
Maine People's Alliance

**Maryland**

Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative Education Fund, Inc.  
Maryland Dental Action Coalition

**Massachusetts**

Association for Behavioral Healthcare  
Children's League of Massachusetts  
Children's Mental Health Campaign  
Franciscan Children's  
Health Care For All  
Health Law Advocates  
Massachusetts Association for Mental Health  
Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association  
Massachusetts Law Reform Institute  
Massachusetts Pediatric Home Nursing Campaign  
RESULTS Greater Boston  
The Forsyth Institute

**Michigan**

HIV AIDS Alliance of Michigan  
JHM Consulting, LLC  
Kent County Oral Health Coalition  
Lansing Area AIDS Network  
Michigan Association of Intermediate School Superintendents  
Michigan Association of School Boards  
Michigan Association of School Superintendents  
Michigan League for Public Policy  
Michigan Oral Health Coalition  
Middle Cities Education Association  
New Covenant of Peace Church  
Northern Michigan Oral Health Coalition  
RESULTS Detroit  
RESULTS-Ann Arbor  
The MAN Network  
United Health Organization

**Minnesota**

Apple Tree Dental

**Mississippi**

Ascension Lutheran Church  
Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities  
Mississippi Center for Justice  
Mississippi Human Services Coalition  
Mississippi Rising Coalition  
National Alliance on Mental Illness - Mississippi

**Missouri**

Kids Win Missouri  
RESULTS Kansas City

**Montana**

Montana KIDS COUNT  
RESULTS Missoula

**Nebraska**

Voices for Children in Nebraska

**Nevada**

Children's Advocacy Alliance  
Community Health Alliance  
Foundation for Positively Kids  
Immunize Nevada  
Indivisible Northern Nevada  
Nevada Alliance for Healthcare Security  
Women's March Reno

**New Hampshire**

New Hampshire Family Voices  
New Hampshire Oral Health Coalition

**New Jersey**

Advocates for Children of New Jersey  
Family Voices New Jersey  
First Children Services  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.  
New Jersey Citizen Action  
New Jersey Oral Health Coalition  
SPAN Parent Advocacy Network

**New Mexico**

Equality New Mexico  
New Mexico Voices for Children

**New York**

Action Together Long Island  
Adhikaar  
Association of Perinatal Networks  
Buffalo Prenatal Perinatal Network  
Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY  
Children's Defense Fund - New York  
Chinatown Manpower Project  
Chinese-American Planning Council  
Citizen Action of NY  
Citizens' Committee for Children of New York  
Coalition for Asian American Children and Families  
Community Service Society of New York  
Fiscal Policy Institute

Health Care For All New York  
Healthy Capital District Initiative  
Healthy Community Alliance  
Hunger Action Network of New York State  
Korean Community Services of Metropolitan NY  
Long Island Activists  
Long Island Progressive Coalition  
Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network  
Make the Road New York  
Medicaid Matters NY  
Mekong NYC  
Mental Health Association in New York State, Inc.  
Metro New York Health Care for All  
Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council  
New York Immigration Coalition  
New York School-Based Health Alliance  
New York School-Based Health Foundation  
New York State Council of Churches  
New York University  
North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council, Inc.  
Public Health Solutions  
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy  
Show Up Long Island  
South Asian Council for Social Services  
South Asian Youth Action  
Staten Island Alliance for North Shore Children and Families  
Suffolk Progressives  
TSD Media  
Westchester Children's Association  
Womankind  
Yeled V'Yalda E.C.C

#### **North Carolina**

Advocates for Medically Fragile Kids NC  
Equality North Carolina  
NC Child  
RESULTS-Asheville NC

#### **North Dakota**

Ehrens Consulting  
Family Voices of ND

#### **Ohio**

Akron Children's Hospital  
Children's Defense Fund-Ohio  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
CWRU Schubert Center for Child Studies  
Dayton Children's Hospital  
Harmony Project  
Juvenile Justice Coalition (OH)  
Merrick House Neighborhood Center

Nationwide Children's Hospital  
Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies  
Ohio Children's Hospital Association  
Ohio Federation of Teachers  
PCSAO  
Policy Matters Ohio  
Public Children Services Association of Ohio  
RESULTS Ohio  
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio  
Voices for Ohio's Children

**Oklahoma**

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

**Oregon**

Children First for Oregon  
RESULTS Corvallis

**Pennsylvania**

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children  
Public Citizens for Children and Youth  
RCPA

**Rhode Island**

Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

**South Carolina**

Palmetto Project, Inc.  
SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center  
United Way of the Midlands

**Tennessee**

Niswonger Children's Hospital  
Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth  
Tennessee Health Care Campaign  
Tennessee Justice Center

**Texas**

Center for Public Policy Priorities  
Children's Defense Fund – Texas  
Children's Hospital Association of Texas  
Clarity Child Guidance Center  
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
CommuniCare Health Centers  
Driscoll Health Plan  
Easterseals Central Texas  
Easterseals Greater Houston  
Easterseals North Texas  
Easterseals Rio Grande Valley  
Equality Texas

Healthy Futures of Texas  
La Frontera Ministries International Inc.  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.  
Methodist Healthcare System - San Antonio  
National Association of Social Workers - Texas Chapter  
Our Medicaid Matters  
Personal Attendant Coalition of Texas  
Proyecto Azteca  
RESULTS Austin  
RESULTS Houston US Poverty  
Texas AFL-CIO  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility  
Texas Parent to Parent  
Texas Pediatric Society  
The Center for Health Care Services  
The Health Collaborative  
TX Occupational Therapy Assoc  
United Ways of Texas  
Voices for Children of San Antonio  
Women's March of Houston and Texas

#### **Utah**

RESULTS Utah  
Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment  
Utah Health Policy Project  
Voices for Utah Children

#### **Vermont**

Dental Health  
Vermont Family Network  
Voices for Vermont's Children

#### **Virginia**

Champions For Children: Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads  
Child Health Investment Partnership  
Families Forward Virginia  
Family and Children's Trust Fund of VA  
Family Lifeline  
Healthy Families Northern Shenandoah Valley  
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia  
Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic  
The Improvement Association  
Virginia Poverty Law Center  
Voices for Virginia's Children

#### **Washington**

Parent Trust for Washington Children  
RESULTS Bremerton  
RESULTS Olympia  
RESULTS Seattle

RESULTS Tri-Cities  
Seattle Children's

**West Virginia**

Children's Home Society of West Virginia  
Partners in Community Outreach  
West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy  
West Virginia Kids' Health Partnership  
West Virginia Medicaid Coalition  
West Virginians for Affordable Health Care  
West Virginians Together for Medicaid

**Wisconsin**

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin  
Kids Forward  
Milwaukee Area Health Education Center  
Wisconsin Hospital Association

**Wyoming**

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