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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the nation's Mayors, we urge you to vote **"Yes"** for the bipartisan, bicameral compromise bill that would reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and provide health insurance coverage to millions of children. The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more, supports this compromise bill and asks you to do the same by voting in favor of the bill before you this week.

Our Mayors' 10-Point Plan: Strong Cities, Strong Families for a Strong America and our anti-poverty agenda call on Congress and the Administration to address the needs of the more than 9 million uninsured children, the millions more who are underinsured, and those who are at risk of joining the ranks of uninsured by reauthorizing and strengthening the very successful Children's Health Insurance Program.

Last week members of the House and Senate joined in a bipartisan, bicameral effort to craft legislation that will insure an additional 4 million children by providing an additional \$35 billion over five years; improving access to benefits including dental and mental health parity; improving quality of care and providing incentives to lower the rate of uninsured low income children.

We need your help! The nation's children need your help! Working families need your help! Vote **"Yes"** for children! **Let's put children first!** We urge you to vote in favor of legislation that would reauthorize SCHIP and substantially increase the number of children covered by this important and necessary program.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Palmer
 Mayor of Trenton
 President

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 Executive Director

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