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The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
U.S. House of Representatives

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Dear House Leaders:

On behalf of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), representing 51,000 physicians and partners in women's health, we applaud your exemplary leadership in crafting a bipartisan, bicameral plan to better the lives of millions of American children.

Your approach will allow uninsured low-income children and adolescents to receive timely and comprehensive health care services and will tear down some of the administrative barriers that stand between children and the health care they need.

The bill also takes a considerable and meaningful step toward improving the health of CHIP's smallest beneficiaries - newborns and infants - by allowing states to cover pregnant women under CHIP. Healthy babies need healthy beginnings, but, astoundingly, one in eight pregnant women is uninsured, the vast majority in low-income working families. Your approach gives states additional tools to reach this vulnerable population and give every baby a healthy start.

CHIP reauthorization gives the 110th Congress its greatest opportunity to improve the health of children and pregnant women. We urge strong bipartisan support of this bill in the Congress and call for the President to put aside partisan politics and reconsider his opposition to this reasonable, fiscally-responsible approach furthering children's health.

Sincerely,

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President