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The Honorable John Dingell  
United States House of Representatives  
2328 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510



Children's Defense Fund

Dear Representative Dingell:

We are taking this opportunity to thank you for introducing the FamilyCare Act of 2000 and to express the strong support of the Children's Defense Fund for this bipartisan initiative to provide and strengthen health care coverage for uninsured children and their parents. Building on the successes of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), this legislation will increase coverage for uninsured children, provide funding for health insurance coverage for the uninsured parents of Medicaid and CHIP-eligible children, and simplify the enrollment process for Medicaid and CHIP to make the programs more family friendly.

We want to extend our appreciation to Senators Kennedy, Chafee, Collins, Daschle, Lautenberg, Snowe and Rockefeller for co-sponsoring this legislation in the Senate and to Representatives Stark and Waxman for taking the lead on this proposal in the House. We look forward to working with you for passage of the FamilyCare Act of 2000.

Sincerely,

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