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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
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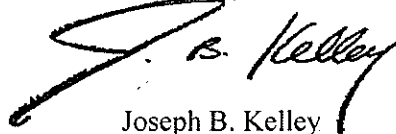
Dear Chairman Dingell:

On behalf of Eli Lilly and Company (Lilly), I am writing to express our ongoing support for the reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). This program has been responsible for significantly reducing the number of uninsured children in our country and it is important that this program be reauthorized so that the health care needs of a vulnerable population, children, continue to be met.

Lilly believes that all Americans should have access to affordable, quality health care. SCHIP has shown its success by reducing the number of low-income children by one-third since it was created in 1997. Lilly is committed to continuing its efforts to help ensure that patients have access to the health care they need, including life saving medications. Lilly continues to assist eligible patients in obtaining needed medicines through several national patient assistance programs and through multiple state-run access programs. By the same token Lilly appreciates the bipartisan congressional efforts to help ensure that uninsured children have access to the health care that they need.

SCHIP reauthorization is one of the most important issues facing our nation's vulnerable children. Again, your leadership and effort on this issue are appreciated.

Sincerely,



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cc: House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Barton, Subcommittee on Health
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