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The Honorable John D. Dingell
2328 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Murphy
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Dingell and Murphy:

LEAnet is a national coalition of local education agencies dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of children's health programs in schools. Of behalf of our organization, I write in support of the "Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008" (H.R. 5613). We strongly support this legislation placing a temporary one-year moratorium on seven questionable Medicaid regulations that would make significant cuts to the Medicaid program over the next five years.

LEAnet believes the regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will not improve efficiency within Medicaid, but rather that these regulations will be a crushing financial blow to the states and will prevent beneficiaries, including some of our most fragile citizens, from receiving the care they need. We strongly support a moratorium on these regulations in order to give you and your colleagues time to conduct an appropriate review of the regulations and their implications.

These regulations will shift billions of dollars in costs to the states, effectively eliminating federal participation in many important Medicaid programs. As a result, states will likely cut critical services such as specialized medical transportation to school for children with disabilities, rehabilitation services for the disabled, and case management services that allow people with disabilities to remain in the community.

Thank you again for your continued leadership on this important public health issue. We look forward to working with you to move this critical legislation forward and our members stand ready to help in any way that we can. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at the number below.

Sincerely yours,

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