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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Speaker Ryan:

As 2017 comes to a close, I write to encourage you to reauthorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and uphold the federal state partnership which helps ensure that Wisconsin's children receive access to medical care.

Wisconsin currently receives approximately \$115 million in federal matching funds each year. These dollars ensure that more than 100,000 children are insured. Despite the lack of congressional action on reauthorization, Wisconsin is fortunate to be able to continue eligibility into 2018. However, failure to act will force Wisconsin, and other states, to fulfill the federal government's share of their commitment to provide access to this care.

There is nothing more important than the health of the children in Wisconsin and across the United States. Your immediate attention to the reauthorization of funding for CHIP to help children throughout the country maintain access to care is critical.

If there is anything that Wisconsin can do to assist in your efforts, please advise immediately.

Sincerely,

Scott Walker
Governor

cc: Wisconsin Congressional Delegation