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Dear Democratic Colleague:

Earlier today, I received a letter from several Members of our Caucus expressing support for H.R. 3162, the "Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act of 2007". The letter also sought assurances that the bill to be considered by the House would include language clearly stating that the bill would not provide access to Medicaid or SCHIP for any illegal immigrants.

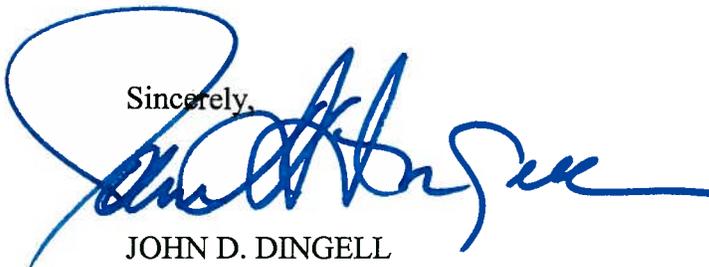
The CHAMP Act will provide no funding or assistance for illegal immigrants. Section 135 of the Manager's Amendment, which will be incorporated into the bill, is entitled: "No Federal Funding for Illegal Aliens." This section contains the following language: "Nothing in the CHAMP Act allows Federal payment for individuals who are not legal residents."

Moreover, the CHAMP Act requires audits of State Medicaid and CHIP programs to assure that no Federal funds are used for undocumented residents. Section 136 of the Manager's amendment concludes by saying: "The State shall remit to the Secretary [of HHS] the Federal share of any unlawful expenditures for benefits for individuals who are not legal residents...".

Finally, each State will be required to determine the citizenship of the people each covers in its Medicaid and SCHIP programs.

If you desire additional information, please contact Bridgett Taylor or Amy Hall with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at ext. 5-2927.

Sincerely,



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