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Legislative Representatives  
Congress of the United States of America  
Washington, DC

Dear Legislative Representative:

My name is W. Chris Stewart, and I am the National President of Continental Societies, Incorporated, a service organization for children with chapter in states across the United States and the District of Columbia.

Our children need your help! I am writing on behalf of the 9 million uninsured and underinsured children who cannot speak, vote or advocate for themselves and the 6 million children presently enrolled in CHIP which will end in four years putting them in danger of being worse off because of weak benefits and higher cost-sharing than before the Health Reform Legislation.

I urge you to support Children's Health Care Reform Legislation that ensures for all children comprehensive, affordable, accessible health care and equal coverage no matter where they live.

Congress now has the opportunity as well as the moral obligation to step forward and provide insurance coverage for every child. I am counting on you to make a difference for needy and underprivileged children across our great nation. Please know that the children are depending on you too . . . please don't let them down.

Sincerely,

W. Chris Stewart  
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