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Press Statement

on

THE PASSING OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

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“On behalf of our 60,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists, the American Academy of Pediatrics joins with America in mourning the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

“Senator Kennedy was a true champion of children and their well-being throughout his career in the Senate. He knew first-hand what it was like to have a sick child, and that understanding and compassion was reflected in his decades of work on behalf of our nation’s youngest citizens.

“The work of Senator Kennedy on behalf of children cannot be overstated. His legacy includes working across party lines to provide millions of children access to crucial health care and immunizations, creating the largest funded program for children living with HIV/AIDS, and allowing for higher education grants and loans.

“As we move forward, it is the Academy’s hope that we remember what Senator Kennedy already knew: that the life success of every child must be this nation’s highest priority. Senator Kennedy worked his entire life towards the goal of passing comprehensive health care reform—for our children and for all Americans. Let us now come together and honor him by finishing what he started—let us pass health reform that includes what is best for children this year.”

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