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**Press Statement on
SCHIP Reauthorization**

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“Today, across the country, pediatric residents, on their own initiative, are mounting a visible public effort to collectively take a “Stand for Kids.” Wearing blue ribbons, they will be sharing stories with the public about the children under their care who stand to lose the only health insurance many of them have ever had. These energized and outraged doctors are speaking for children who do not have a voice of their own to speak up on policy issues that are impacting their lives.”

“Sharing their passion for quality health care for all children, I call on the President and members of Congress to give these eligible children healthy tomorrows and bright futures. As the saying goes, ‘from little acorns, mighty oaks do grow,’ and we, as a nation, will need all their collective strength to meet the challenges of the 21st century.”

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