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The Honorable Bobby Scott
The United States House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Scott,

On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, I am writing **in support** of the "All Healthy Children Act," (H.R. 1688). In February 2007, the Conference of Mayors sent a letter to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi and the Honorable Harry Reid outlining our support of the Children's Defense Fund proposal to reauthorize and expand the state children's health insurance program by insuring that all children receive adequate and comprehensive health care coverage.

As the Congress addresses the serious problems facing our uninsured children today, the opportunity is ripe to ensure that *all* children have access to the vital health and mental health services they need. Although the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid have been successful in providing coverage to approximately 30 million children, much more needs to be done. Many children are eligible for coverage but are not enrolled in existing programs because of bureaucratic barriers that make it difficult to obtain or keep coverage. Other children are excluded from programs or go uninsured when their parents change jobs. Still others don't get the health services they need because program benefits which vary from state to state are limited in their state.

We believe that your legislation will take the much needed steps to insuring that "**no child is without health insurance**". We look forward to working with you and your staff on this important legislation. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Conference Assistant Executive Director for Children, Health and Human Services, Crystal Swann at 202-861-6707 or by email at cswann@usmayors.org.

Sincerely,

Tom Cochran
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