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*The mission of the American College
of Cardiology and the American
College of Cardiology Foundation
is to transform cardiovascular care
and improve heart health.*

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
317 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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322 Hart Senate Office Building
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221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Patty Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators McConnell, Schumer, Hatch, Wyden, Alexander and Murray:

On behalf of the American College of Cardiology (ACC), its members, and the patients we serve, I urge you to support continued, stable funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP is an essential program providing health coverage to children who need it the most. It has a long history of strong bipartisan support and we encourage you to continue that tradition.

CHIP provides extensive health benefits to children and provides coverage for nearly nine million children across the United States. More than six million of those children are not eligible to be covered under the Medicaid program. It ensures children have affordable health coverage so they can access the healthcare specifically designed to meet their needs. If CHIP funding is not extended, many CHIP-enrolled children will likely become uninsured or underinsured, which would threaten their access to care. **We urge you to continue to make children's healthcare a priority issue with bipartisan support.** Congress must provide long-term stability for children's health programs so that children and their parents can rely on the coverage that meets their unique needs.

The ACC is the professional home for the entire cardiovascular care team. The mission of the College and its more than 52,000 members is to transform cardiovascular care and to improve heart health. The ACC leads in the formation of health policy, standards and guidelines. The College operates national registries to measure and improve care, offers cardiovascular accreditation to hospitals and institutions, provides professional medical education, disseminates cardiovascular research and bestows credentials upon cardiovascular specialists who meet stringent qualifications.

We look forward to working with Congress to maintain and strengthen this critical program and ensure that children have access to the health coverage they deserve.

Sincerely,

Mary Norine Walsh, MD, FACC
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