

January 18, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
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Dear Mr. Speaker, Leader McConnell, Leader Pelosi, and Leader Schumer:

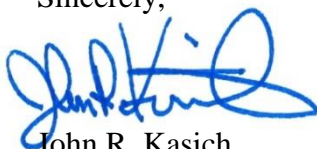
As Congress seeks a resolution to funding the government, we ask you to immediately pass a long term extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and a permanent solution for DACA recipients, or "Dreamers," who have known no other home but the United States. It is paramount that we protect the health and well-being of young people in our country.

As we mentioned to you last month, CHIP has successfully provided vital health coverage and care to about nine million children for over two decades. Without it, access to essential health services like well child exams, asthma medicine, and hospitalizations will be at risk. As health insurance premiums climb at unsustainable rates, this program gives hard-working families access to otherwise unaffordable coverage.

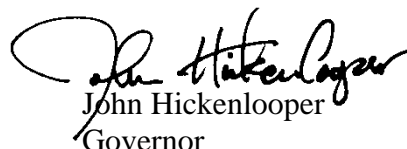
Equally urgent, more than 12,000 Dreamers have lost their protective status and are susceptible to deportation. Those numbers will accelerate dramatically without a legislative fix. These young people are studying to be teachers, doctors and scientists at our universities. They are working to support themselves and their families, paying taxes and contributing to their communities in a myriad of ways. In the absence of congressional action providing for a permanent resolution, the termination of DACA puts these young people and their families in peril, and will destabilize our schools, workplaces and communities.

Both a long term reauthorization of CHIP and a permanent solution for DACA recipients enjoy bipartisan support. We encourage you to work across the aisle to protect children's health care and give DACA recipients the peace of mind of knowing that they can remain in the only country they have ever called home.

Sincerely,



John R. Kasich
Governor
State of Ohio



John Hickenlooper
Governor
State of Colorado