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The Honorable John Dingell
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Dingell:

The undersigned write to congratulate you on the introduction of the Family Care Act of 2001, which gives states the option to provide health insurance to parents of children in the Medicaid program and CHIP. We believe your bill is a crucial next step in addressing the problem of our nation's uninsured, and we offer our full support.

By extending health coverage to parents of children in CHIP or Medicaid, the Family Care Act could provide insurance to over four million Americans who are currently uninsured. Many of these people are working parents who, after taking care of other needs for their families, cannot afford the cost of private health coverage for themselves. We believe that this expansion is a cost effective way to provide quality health care to working families with low and moderate incomes. The Family Care Act will also extend coverage to other vulnerable populations including legal immigrant children and pregnant women.

We applaud your leadership in the effort to ensure that all Americans have access to quality health care. Please let us know how we can help you as this bill moves forward.

Sincerely,

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