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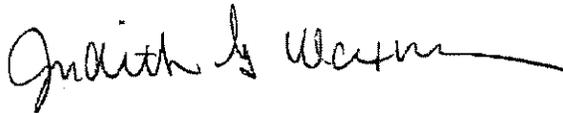
Dear Congressman Dingell:

Congratulations on introducing the FamilyCare Act of 2004. It is a vital piece of legislation which we believe represents a critical step towards providing coverage to uninsured parents, particularly women, and their families.

Through expansions of Medicaid and SCHIP, the FamilyCare Act directly addresses the problem of health care access that so many Americans face. Even with the existence of these important safety net programs, there are 44 million Americans without health insurance. Women, in particular, have increasing concerns about securing access to essential health services. Currently, over 17 percent of adult females are uninsured, with this number growing each year. When women lack health insurance, their access to basic services, including preventive and prenatal care, is severely limited. On the other hand, when coverage is provided for parents, the health of the entire family is improved.

Thank you for introducing this legislation as we believe it represents an important step towards closing the gap in health coverage for the uninsured and will serve to provide health insurance for hard-working parents and their children.

Sincerely,



Judith G. Waxman
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