

July 31, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20015

THE
CATHOLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

The Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), the national leadership organization of more than 2,000 Catholic health care sponsors, systems, hospitals facilities, and related organizations, applauds your leadership and is pleased to offer our support for the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act (CHAMP Act).



We believe the most important pro-life thing the Congress can do right now is to insure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) is reauthorized. Children's lives and the lives of unborn babies depend on a strong SCHIP reauthorization. The CHAMP Act would provide states with essential tools and resources to identify and enroll 5 million uninsured children who currently qualify for health coverage under SCHIP and Medicaid, but are not enrolled.

The CHAMP Act that is before the House of Representatives also includes important Medicare enhancements for seniors to help ensure they continue to have access to needed health care. We support these efforts to build a strong Medicare program that will continue to provide access to care well into the future.

We strongly urge Congress to move quickly to approve the CHAMP Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sr. Carol Keehan".

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