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"The findings released today reinforce why health care initiatives such as the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are critical. I hope this sobering Census data will convince the Administration to reverse recently-imposed policies that will cause thousands more children to lose coverage.

"This fall, the President has a historic opportunity to reduce the growing number of uninsured Americans by

supporting the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act (CHAMP Act/H.R. 3162), which passed the House in July. This legislation reauthorizes CHIP and would provide dependable, affordable health insurance to 5 million children who otherwise would not be covered. Unfortunately, the President has pledged to veto this important bill.

It's my hope that the Administration will take today's report seriously, put partisanship aside and work with the Congress to protect the health of our children.

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