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The Honorable Charles Grassley
135 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Grassley:

On behalf of the Iowa Public Health Association, I write to thank you for your support of H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act. The Iowa Public Health Association represents more than 300 public health professionals in the state of Iowa.

H.R. 976 would invest an additional \$35 billion over 5 years to provide health care coverage to nearly 10 million low-income children. The legislation will preserve health coverage for the nearly 6.6 million children currently covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and will provide the same coverage to millions of additional children over the next five years. In the state of Iowa, more than 26,000 additional low-income children would receive health insurance coverage under the bill. We are also pleased that the bill will provide improved benefits to enrolled children including quality dental coverage, parity in mental health coverage and medically necessary benefits (EPSDT) for low-income children.

This bipartisan legislation is the product of intense negotiations by all parties involved. We thank you for your leadership and offer our support and assistance as you move forward with your efforts to enact this critical public health legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jaci L. Miller". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Jaci L. Miller, M.A.
President
Iowa Public Health Association

Our Vision:

Meeting the public health needs of all Iowans through a recognized, valued and well-supported public health system.

Our Mission:

Mobilize a diverse membership to lead and advocate for public health.