

March 26, 2021

Senator Sherrod Brown  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Tammy Baldwin  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Elizabeth Warren  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Representative Debbie Dingell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Representative John Katko  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Brown, Baldwin, Warren, & Whitehouse and Representatives Dingell and Katko:

I am writing from First Focus Campaign for Children, a bipartisan children's advocacy organization dedicated to making children and families the priority in federal policy and budget decisions, in support of H.R. 1738 and S. 646, the Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act.

The First Focus Campaign for Children is dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth have access to the affordable health care they need to grow and thrive. Together, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide millions of children with access to important medical, health, and developmental services.

Yet many Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries are at risk of losing coverage due to fluctuations in income or small administrative details. This loss of coverage not only causes reduced health outcomes for children due to unstable coverage, but it also results in higher administrative costs for hospitals, health providers, and the federal government.

The Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act would work to improve the reliability of coverage by ensuring beneficiaries can depend on coverage for a continuous 12 month period, reduce care disruptions, and minimize logistical issues for individuals, states, and health plans. This would allow millions of children and youth to receive stable coverage, resulting in better health outcomes and help them to lead long and productive lives.

First Focus Campaign for Children applauds the introduction of the Stabilize Medicaid and CHIP Coverage Act (H.R. 1738 / S. 646) and we look forward to working with your office on this and other efforts that have the potential to improve the health and well-being of our nation's children.

Sincerely,



Bruce Lesley  
President