

The Children's Defense Fund Healthy Child Campaign Action Page

Calling Your Elected Officials

Step One:

Call the Capitol Switchboard at this CDF provided toll-free number: **1-888-226-0627**.

To identify your Congressional Representative or Senator, please go to www.congress.org.

Step Two:

Ask to be connected to your Elected Official's office.

Step Three:

When someone from your Elected Official's staff answers the phone, please say something like the following:

Hello, my name is _____. I'm a constituent, a member of (name of faith community) and an advocate for children who believes that providing health coverage for all our nation's children and pregnant women is our moral obligation. Please tell Representative/Senator _____ to support the *All Healthy Children Act (HR 1688)* that would guarantee all children, not just some, health coverage with comprehensive benefits and true automatic enrollment so that children get and stay covered.

Can I count on Representative/Senator _____ to go beyond the status quo and do what is best for all America's children, especially the 9 million currently uninsured children?

Thank you for passing along my message.

Please contact your Representative and your two Senators.

Writing Your Elected Officials

(Please feel free to write your letter in your own words to reflect your concerns, experience, and perspective.)

The Honorable _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

OR: The Honorable _____
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator _____: OR: Dear Representative _____:

My name is *Janet Doe* and I am a member of (*name of faith community*) in (*city, state*). I am writing out of concern for the nine million uninsured children and the millions more who are underinsured in America. As a person of faith, I believe providing health coverage for all of our nation's children is our moral obligation.

As Congress prepares to reauthorize funding for SCHIP in the coming weeks, we have a special opportunity to take the next logical, moral, and achievable steps to ensure health and mental health coverage for all children in America.

As my representative in Congress, I encourage you to support only bills that include the following principles:

- All children and pregnant women should be guaranteed health coverage and access to timely health care regardless of where they live
- Children and pregnant women should receive all medically necessary services to ensure they survive and thrive
- Enrollment should be simplified and automatic so it's easy for children and pregnant women to get health coverage and keep it

Thank you for your commitment to public service as well as your attention to our community's children and to the nine million children who are uninsured. I look forward to your reply informing me of how you will address these concerns. I will keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Your name
Your address
Your telephone number

Emailing your Elected Official

Email your elected officials by visiting the Children's Defense Fund's Website at www.childrensdefense.org/ActionEmail.

For more information on getting involved in the Healthy Child Campaign, please contact Matt Rosen, at mrosen@childrensdefense.org or 1-800-233-1200.