

Senators Knezek, Ananich, Hood, Bieda, Hopgood, Gregory, Hertel, Johnson, Conyers and Warren offered the following resolution:

**Senate Resolution No. 108.**

A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and fully fund the Children's Health Insurance Program.

Whereas, The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health care coverage for children in low- and moderate-income families. For two decades, this state-federal partnership has contributed to improving children's health, school performance, and potential for success in life; and

Whereas, First enacted into law in 1997, CHIP was created with the goal to provide a comprehensive health insurance option designed specifically for children. With bipartisan support, this program has been continually reauthorized and funded by Congress; and

Whereas, On September 30, 2017, funding for CHIP expired, placing in jeopardy the health care of almost 9 million children. While CHIP is currently authorized through 2019, funding for the program must be renewed; and

Whereas, Congressional action to restore CHIP funding is vital to continue to provide the health care coverage needed by millions of children. In Michigan, the program covers at least 120,000 children and has assisted in providing vital health care for families in Flint, Michigan. If Congress does not act, the future health and lives of children will face uncertainty as states exhaust remaining funding and are forced to weigh the difficult decision of whether to discontinue the program or shift state funds from other important areas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the United States to reauthorize and fully fund the Children's Health Insurance Program; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.