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November 1, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader,
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act – substitute to H.R. 3922

Dear Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As the Alliance of Specialty Medicine (Alliance), our mission is to advocate for sound federal health care policy that fosters patient access to the highest quality specialty care. As patient and physician advocates, we write in support of the substitute to H.R. 3922, the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act.

The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provides health coverage to eligible children, through both Medicaid and separate CHIP programs administered by states, according to federal requirements. The Alliance is concerned that authorization for federal funding of the program expired on September 30th. As this program is funded jointly by states and the federal government, we urge Congress to reauthorize funding for this program to prevent any disruption in coverage and access to care for eligible children.

We appreciate your consideration and urge passage of the CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS Act.

Sincerely,

The Alliance of Specialty Medicine

cc: Chairman Walden, Ranking Member Pallone

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